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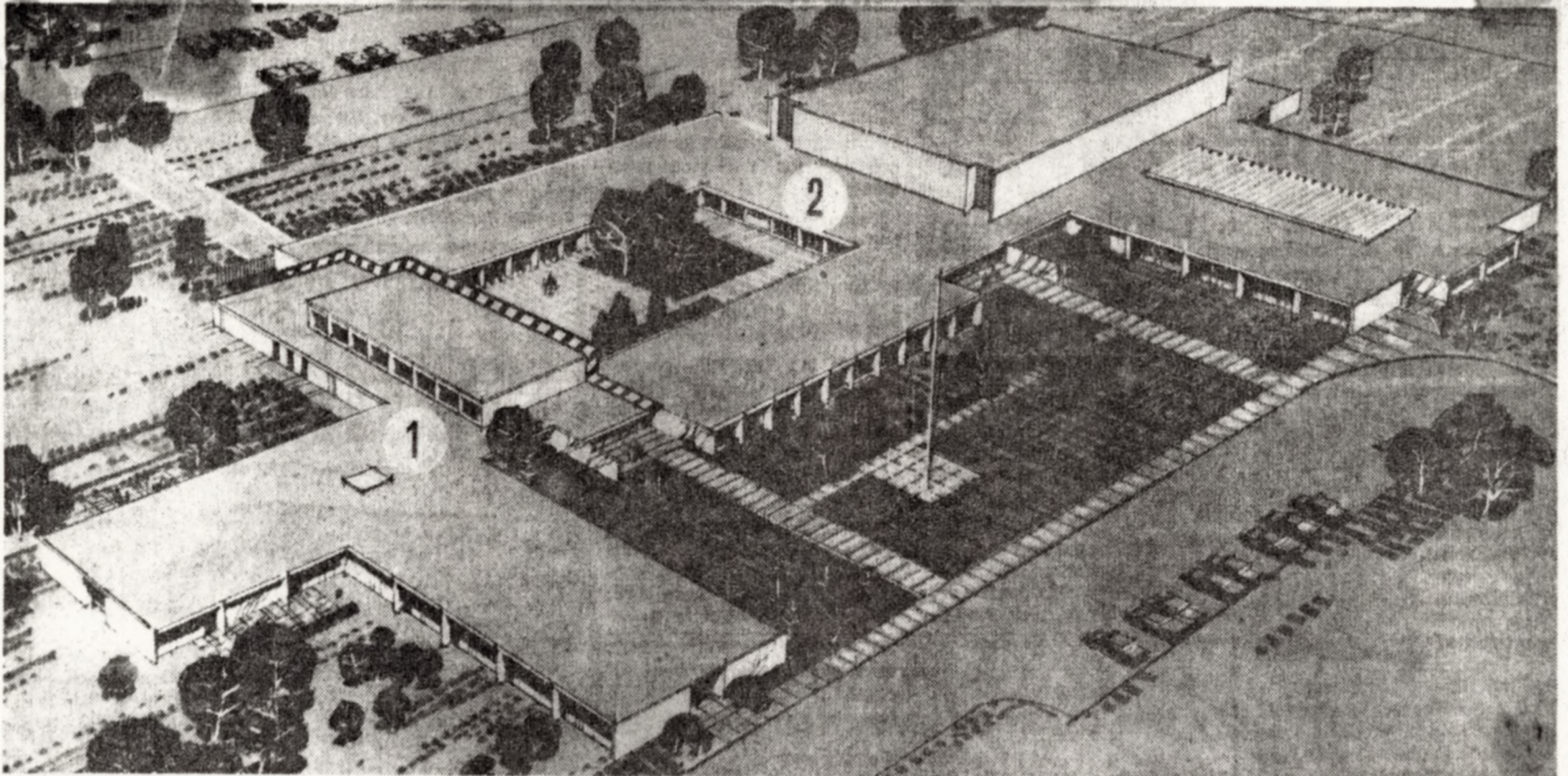
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Sketch of Completed Miami Valley School Indicates Two Phases of Construction Separated by Dotted Line.

MIAMI VALLEY SCHOOL

Prep Campus Ready to Rise

By MARLENE BERENCSEI, Daily News Staff Writer

Construction on the Miami Valley school, an independent college preparatory school, is expected to start within a month, pending approval of the Washington Twp. board of zoning appeals.

It is hoped the first unit of the school, successor to the Marti school, will be completed by the end of 1964 or early part of 1965, according to Mrs. Robert D. Hughes Jr., president of the school's board of trustees.

ESTIMATED cost of the first phase of development, in addition to value of the land, is approximately \$465,000.

The 17-acre site, made available by Mrs. George H. Mead, is located west of Mad River Rd. between David and Rahn Rds. and is accessible from State Route 48 and U.S. Route 25.

A review of all financing plans will be undertaken by the board's finance committee within the next week or so to determine what percentage of the total cost must come from private contributors, according to Mrs. Hughes.

INITIAL construction will include 11 classrooms and facilities for a gym and lunchroom to serve an anticipated 165



students, according to Walter Truslow, who will assume full-time duties of headmaster on July 1.

Enrolled will be pre-kindergarten through eighth grade children, with the possibility of including a ninth grade, he said.

Tentative plans call for further construction within the next five to seven years to accommodate 400 to 500 students through the 12th grade. Adequate recreational facilities, such as a permanent gymnasium, football, and baseball fields and tennis courts are also in the long-range plans, according to Truslow.

"WE WANT to make this as

much of a useful project community-wise as we can make it," said Truslow, indicating it is hoped the school will be in use year-round, perhaps for summer school sessions, or a community meeting place.

Because of their wide experience in the specialized field of private school design and construction and in the interests of a speedy program, the architectural firm of Gartner, Burdick and Bauer-Nilsen of Cincinnati have been retained to plan the school, according to Mrs. Hughes.

MIAMI VALLEY'S forerunner, the Marti school, is located on Munger Rd., where it serves upper school children in a building constructed in 1959. Overcrowded lower grades were moved to St. Paul's church this year.

Marti school was organized here in 1956 by Dr. and Mrs. Fritz Marti. He returned this past year to college teaching, and she will terminate her services as administrator at the end of the school year.

DAYTON will not be unique in having a school of this type. Cincinnati and Cleveland have three private schools serving kindergarten through 12th grade.