

Boys And Girls Move To Branciforte Elementary

Youngsters Climb To 'New' Old School



The moment everyone has been anxiously awaiting for almost three years — the opening of the Branciforte elementary school — became a reality last Wednesday when fourth

graders marched up the steps of the rehabilitated building. Leading the way is Instructor Howard Miguel, left. Basking in the joyous moment with the youngsters are three parents visible in the background. Reha-

bilitation work began last June and finished at the end of October, approximately a month and a half ahead of schedule. Classes begin in the renovated building tomorrow morning.

Arrive At 'New' Home



Debarking at their new "home" — the renovated Branciforte elementary school — are third, fourth and fifth graders who have been receiving their education at the Grant school while the building was being rehabilitated. Principal Rita Mattei, right, is seen greeting the fifth grade instructor, Mrs. John Costella, far left, and Miss Dorothy Miller, third

grade teacher, who is holding the basket. Looking on during the joyous moment is the bus driver, Jim Crain. The city school board closed the building April 30, 1953, as the result of an engineering report that the school failed to meet the earthquake resistant requirements of the Field act code.

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Old Echoes**
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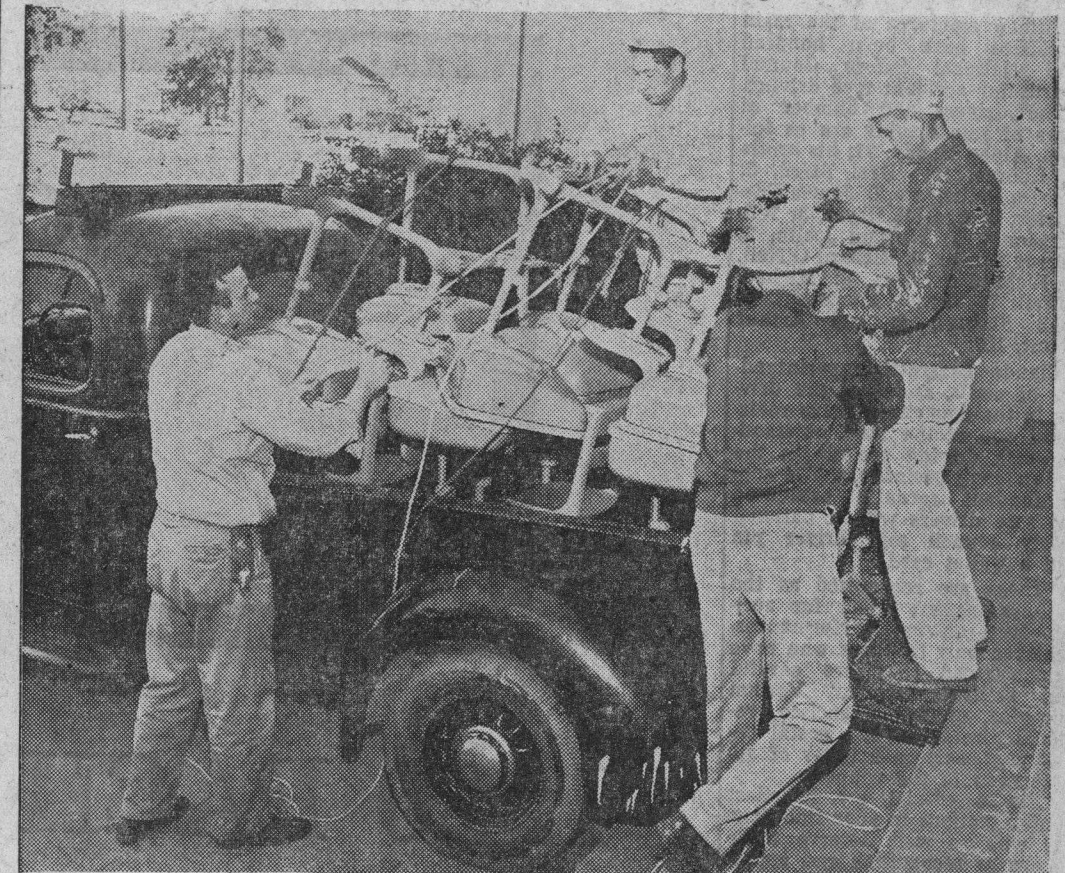
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Capitola Plans Christmas Decorations

Decorating Capitola for Christmas will top the agenda of the Capitola Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday night, 8 o'clock, in the city hall.

Decoration will begin Decem-

Desks Are Moved For Youngsters



Maintenance workers move the desks of some 90 Branciforte elementary school pupils, who have been studying at the Grant school, to the renovated

Branciforte elementary school. Loading the desks of third, fourth and fifth grades are foreground, Earl Metcalf Jr., left, and Lou Brotherton; and in the

back, Dale Strunk, left, and Jerry Kleames. The youngsters moved into the new school last Wednesday and classes begin tomorrow morning.

Parting Is Such Sweet Pleasure



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Principal Returns To New Office



Miss Rita Mattei, principal at Branciforte elementary school, returns to a new office in the

renovated Branciforte elementary building at Branciforte and

Water streets after three years in temporary quarters at Gault school.

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Financial exigencies of the period seem to have called forth concern, because Editor McElroy of the Sentinel in the Santa Cruz of a hundred years ago in his issue of November 22, 1856, starts off the main page, column one, as follows:

"TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

"It is now nearly six months since the establishment of this paper in Santa Cruz, and we have not called on many of our subscribers for the material aid to assist us in our enterprise — although it was understood by us that most of them would pay up within the first three.

"The truth is we have not called on them personally and cannot do so without neglecting the business of the paper, neither can we keep moving without the needful.

"Will those of our subscribers who have not done so settle their bills at an early date with Charles Carter or James Thrift at Watsonville; R. B. Harris at San Juan; Edward Porter at Souquel; and with us at Santa Cruz; and by so doing help us keep moving."

"Rain—Rain commenced falling at this place on Thursday night last, and heavy showers have fallen at intervals ever since, up to the time of going to press. From the present indications we are led to infer that the regular rainy season has fairly commenced."

"Arrival—The steamer Golden Gate, which arrived in San Francisco on the 14th inst., brought, as

mas will top the agenda of the Capitola Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday night, 8 o'clock, in the city hall.

Decoration will begin December 9 in the downtown area. John Hesketh is general chairman.

Applications for the chamber of commerce outdoor Christmas lighting contest are now available in the local business houses and downtown stores.

There will be a contest for private homes and one for business. Prizes, all electrical appliances, will be awarded to the first three winners in each category.

The date for next year's begonia festival will be set at the meeting.

Another upcoming activity is a dinner for the chamber and its auxiliary. Mrs. Eunice Heinley is chairman.

Col. Russell Tripp will preside.

Guichards Return To Redding After Holiday Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Carey D. Guichard and daughter Cherie of Redding have returned to their home after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. Guichard's uncles and aunts at the Guichard ranch on the Alba road.

Guichard, who is business manager of the Redding Record-Searchlight, formerly was in the advertising department of The Sentinel and the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian.

"Exports

"Per 'Queen of the West'—80 bbls. lime; left for San Francisco in consequence of the weather."

THE BOX SCORE

Sacramento (A).—Here's a one-



Branciforte elementary school first grades happily wave goodbye to the Gault first grade students with whom they will no longer share rooms and go to school on half-day sessions. Mrs. Barbara Pedemonte is shown getting her youngsters ready Wednesday morning to walk over to the rehabilitated building. The Gault and Branciforte elementary school primary students shared the classrooms, with the Branciforte students going to school in the morning and the Gault pupils

in the afternoon. The Branciforte grade had class on the stage of the Gault school. Pri-

mary youngsters at the renovated elementary school will get modern, individual desks.

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