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## Big crowd at library dedication

A library may be "more than books upon a shelf" as local poet Margaret Hayes described it to the crowd at the Watsonville Public Library dedication yesterday.

But as Mayor Bill Johnston stressed, without the almost \$1.2 million in federal revenue sharing funds that built those shelves, Miss Hayes' poetic description would have been lost.

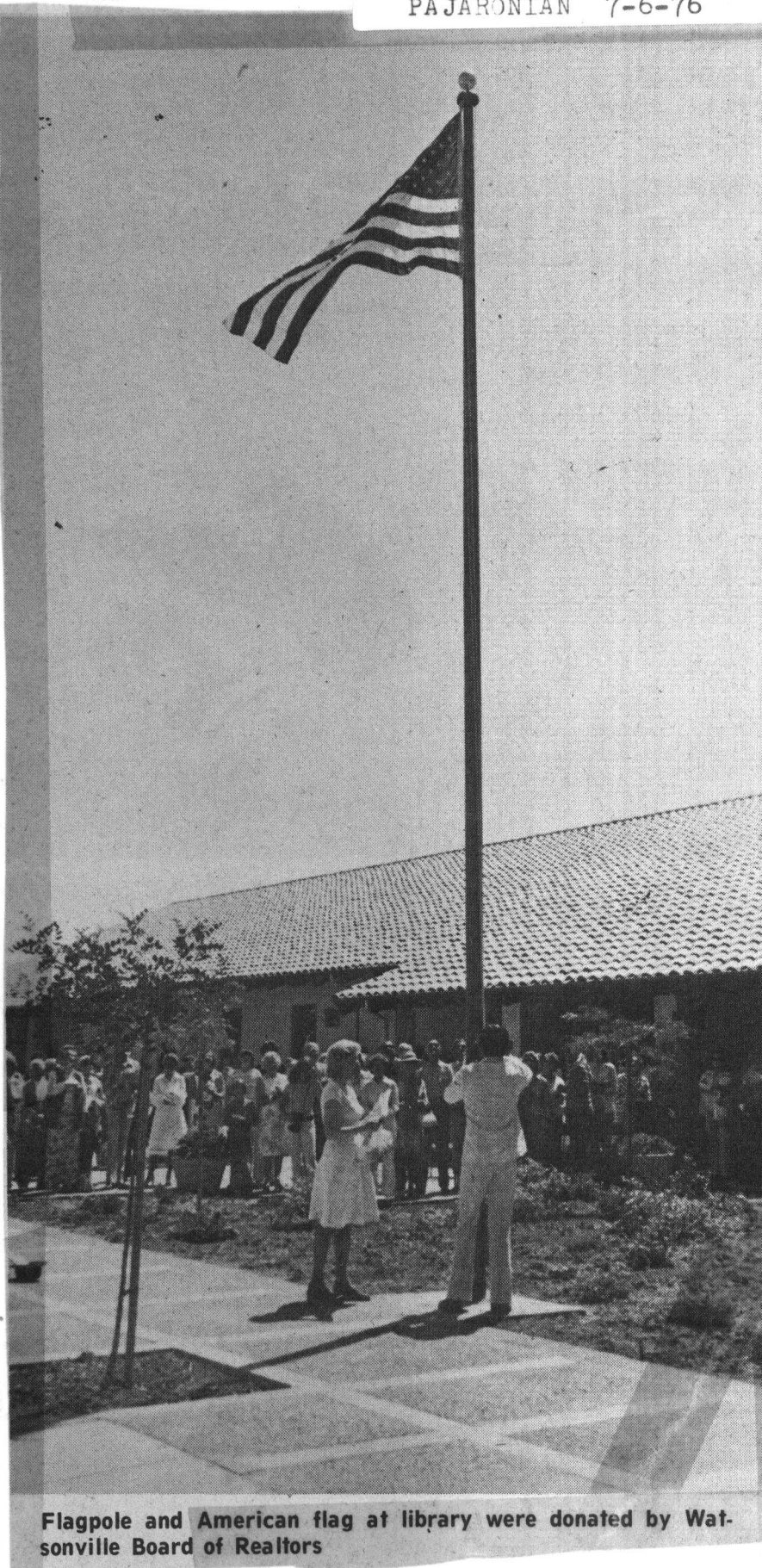
Johnston said the dedication marked the end of 20 years of planning and construction of the new building. He thanked both past and present library board members and former city manager Dave Sollenberger for their time and energy during those years.

The Rev. Sumio Koga of the Westview Presbyterian Church, a library trustee, said the invocation, expressing the hope that the library would serve to "inspire and stimulate broader understanding among the people of the community."

About 100 persons listened to the speeches of thanks and recognition of library personnel past and present. They watched while the United States flag, (along with the flagstaff) donated by the Watsonville Board of Realtors, and the California flag, donated by the Valley National Bank, were raised above the new building. They listened to the music of the Watsonville Band.

The new library contains about 60,000 volumes and a computer research center, according to librarian Seely Sumpf. It is built on the site of the earlier Watsonville Library, built with Carnegie Foundation funds in 1905.

Lorraine Boyle, chairman of the library board, presided. Mrs. Hayes, before reading her poem, recited a list of the librarians who have directed the institution, including Belle Jenkins (1896-1929), Lucy Bliss, Carma Zimmerman, Dorothy Chandler, Muriel Mitchell, Elizabeth Collins and Marie Delmas.



Flagpole and American flag at library were donated by Watsonville Board of Realtors