

Aptos Dedicates New

\$161,619 School Building

250 Attend Dedication Ceremonies

Aptos school's new \$161,619 building unit was dedicated "to the service and delight of the children and to the community" by Dr. Charles Wesley Bursch, state school official, Friday night, at ceremonies attended by more than 250 persons.

Dr. Bursch is assistant chief, division of public schools administration, in charge of school house planning, and has been in this post for more than 23 years. He told his audience he seldom is called upon to dedicate new school plants, and he considered the Aptos invitation a high honor.

The dedication ceremonies, arranged by school officials and the Parent-Teachers association, followed the P.T.A. family potluck dinner in the multi-use room of the new unit.

Edward Lawrence, clerk of the Aptos school board, was master of ceremonies.

The P.T.A. with Mrs. Donn Baldwin presiding, conducted a brief business meeting. Children gathered in one of the new classrooms to see movies while the ceremonies were being held.

Dr. Bursch had high praise for the new multi-use room, which will serve as a cafeteria, meeting place, and recreation room for students, especially when it is raining or extremely cold.

He said also the three new classrooms and administration room are spacious as contrasted to many school rooms in the nation which do not have "elbow room."

The new unit, Dr. Bursch said, is the result of cooperative efforts between his department, of the state educational system, the school board, the architect, and the builder.

He defended multi-use rooms in California schools and lauded the state Parent-Teachers association

Students Decorate New Classroom



Mary Gregg and Donna Rea, both six years old and first graders, decorate the walls of one of the new classrooms at Aptos school. They're shown with their teacher, Mrs. Alice Miguel.

groups for their aid when some legislators opposed continuance of this type of school room.

"I am sure that multi-use rooms, such as this very useful room which we are dedicating tonight, would not have been included in the new \$185,000,000 state program if it had not been for the P.T.A.," the speaker said.

Dr. Bursch declared that prior to 1947, hundreds of school boards had not been able to provide enough school facilities because of the state limitation of five per cent of assessed valuation for new buildings.

"In 1947, the legislature finally launched a program which provides each child with an equal opportunity as far as school house facilities are concerned, with funds being provided for the poorer districts," he said.

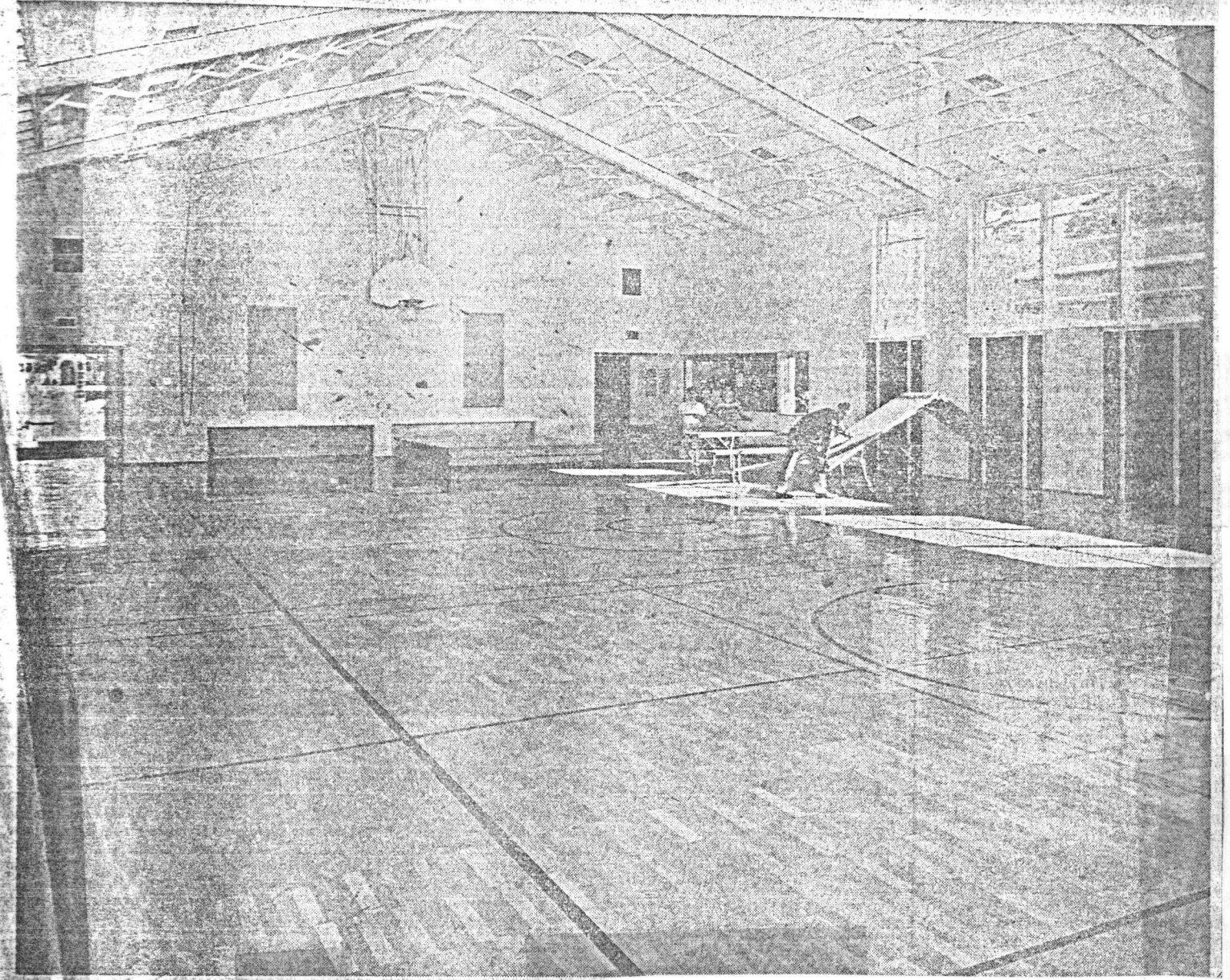
The legislatures and state voters, since 1947, have put a half billion dollars "into the conception that Californians must have equal school facilities available for all children," he added.

He said he is proud of the fact

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REFERENCE

This New Room At Aptos School Will See Plenty Of Activity



The large multi-use room, pictured here, along with three new classrooms and new administration room, recently were completed at Aptos school and dedication of the \$181,619 project was observed Friday with a family potluck dinner and program arranged by school officials and the Parent-Teachers association.

Roy Chappell, assistant custodian, is shown with one of the folding cafeteria tables in the multi-use room where the dinner and program were held. Lois Forbes and Darline Fox, both seventh graders, are watching Chappell. The built-in platform stage, basketball goal and other features can be seen.



School Office Has Intercom System

George Beattie, superintendent of the Aptos school, and his secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Duckworth, are shown in the new administration office, which includes the modern intercommunication system seen at right. Lynn R. Duckering of Santa Cruz was the architect and K. J. McGranahan, also of Santa Cruz, was the contractor.