

New Agriculture Extension Building Dedicated

Formal dedication ceremonies were conducted Friday for Santa Cruz county's new UC Agricultural Extension service building at Freedom.

Speakers for the occasion included Extension Director George B. Alcorn of University of California at Berkeley, Chairman Russ McCallie of Santa Cruz county board of supervisors, and Henry Washburn, first county farm advisor, now retired.

McCallie, who introduced Alcorn, commended the building committee for its work in planning the attractive and efficient plant. He said that as chairman of the county board he was pleased to be one of the supervisors who helped provide new quarters for the Agricultural Extension service. Members of the building committee included John Melendy, county director for the A. E. S. and Supervisors Francis Silliman and Robert Burton.

Alcorn expressed appreciation for the new facilities as state director, and explained the three-way working relationship between county, state and federal agricultural and educational departments. He noted that Santa Cruz county receives service which includes both the latest state and federal research and that of state land grant colleges.

Alcorn also pointed out that for every dollar brought into Santa Cruz county by agriculture, less than one cent is spent on research and education. County agriculture is a \$40-million-dollar annual industry in which the UC Extension service plays a key role in research and education.

Washburn, who first came to the county in 1917 and who retired in 1955, compared conditions today with those of nearly 50 years ago. He reminded the audience that in 1917 with a Model T Ford, the round trip from Santa Cruz to Watsonville was an overnight journey.

More than 400 county officials and friends toured the 4600-square-foot building which was completed recently. Hosts for the day were members of the county A.E.S. staff who include Melendy, Ed Koch, Allen Wilson and Home Advisor Audrey Riley.

Regents Allow UC Chancellors More Powers

Los Angeles (AP). — Steps toward the decentralization of power within the University of California have been taken by the Board of Regents, with new power given to individual campuses.

The Regents voted Friday to



County Director John Melendy, left, conducts a tour of the new Santa Cruz county Agricultural Extension service

building for State A.E.S. Director George B. Alcorn of UC Berkeley and Chairman Russ McCallie of Santa Cruz

county board of supervisors. The building, dedicated Friday, is in Freedom at the courthouse annex site.