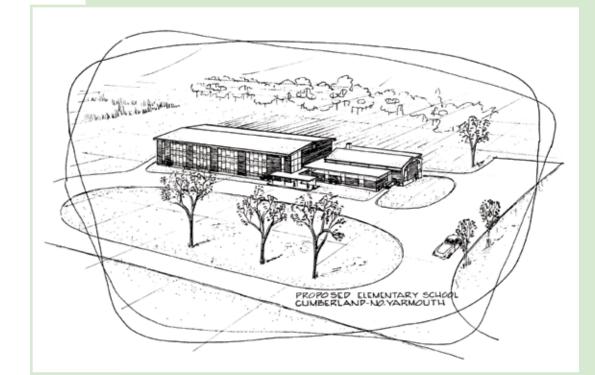


In April 1966 the newly elected MSAD51 Board of Directors presented a comprehensive construction plan to the district: a 16-room elementary school (MIW), a gymnasium and cafetorium at Greely High School, and a swimming pool!

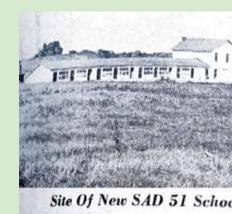
Mabel I. Wilson **Elementary School**

The proposed school, April, 1966...



Land beside the E.K. Sweetser School is purchased for the new elementary school, but

first things first: the house and chicken barn must be razed. North Yarmouth and Cumberland fire departments together burn the two builidngs.



October, 1966: Mabel I. Wilson turns the first spade for the new school.



One School Coming Up Mrs. Mabei L Wilson, a director of SAD 51, breaks ground for a new SAD building committee; Burtis elementary school at Cumberland. Brown, Allied Engineering Co., and Left to right, Guy Tenney, Mariani Vaughn A. Lacombe, district superin-**Ground Broken For New** School At Cumberland School Administrative District SI, turned the spade this work of break ground for a new from vinus of the Greely Institute building and the new camparent of the spade this space of this shool. She was II years a school committee in planning a new fractional for a new fractional for

Double Objective Is Accomplished As Cumberland Buildings Go Up In Smoke



Making Way For Tomorrow The main structure on the former a new 16-room elementary school for George Burgens property hursts into youngsters in the two communities. Harmes as Cumberland and North Yar-(Hutchinson Photo) mouth firefighters clear the site for

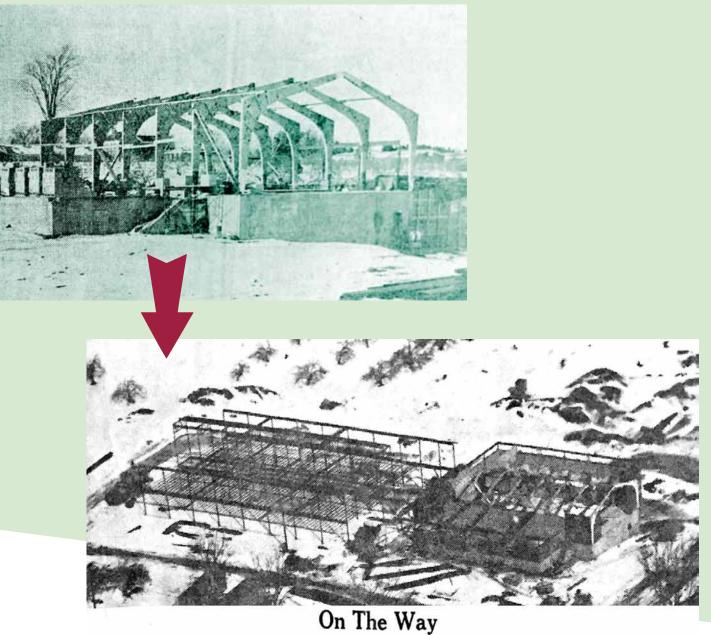
Dedication

Mabel I, Wilson School

Greely High School

May 22, 1968

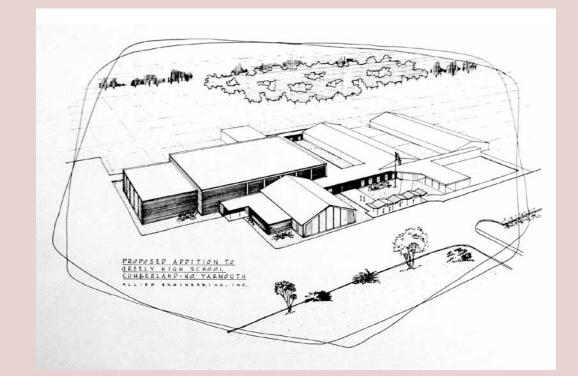
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Beginning to take shape is the new Cumber- tive office section is in the right foreground. Beland elementary school on Tuttle Road there. The hind it are the arch-shaped frames of the multiframework at the left is for a two-story wing purpose room. The kitchen area will be behind the which will house 16 classrooms. The administra- multipurpose room. (By Staff Photographer Roberts)

Greely High School

Another proposal ... the addition to the high school.







Ground Broken For Gvm

School Administrative District the district directors; Supt. Vaughn 51 officials took part in a ground A. Lacombe; Irving Benton of Wiley breaking ceremony this week for a Construction Co. of Scarborough, the \$664,000 gymnasium at Greely High contractor, and Harvey Sawyer of School. From left are Frederick M. Allied Engineering, Inc. of Gorham, Logan of Cumberland, building com- the architect. District 51 is composed mittee chairman; Donald W. Smith, of Cumberland and North Yarmouth.

of North Yarmouth, vice chairman of (Hutchinson Photo)

DATE for this

reely High School's addition at Cumberland by the arches. The locker room will be located between the swim ated to be finished for the opening of school in September. ming pool and the gymnasium and above it will be music and ar a about \$865,000 to build and equip the auditorium, gym-winning pool, a locker room and music and art rooms. The new gymnasium will replace Gyger Gym, lower right which now is the only facility of its kind in Camberland, House

it is the swimming pool, behind it and to the right is lower center, is privately owned. (By Staff Photographer Rob-

1967 construction ...



Cumberland To Dedicate Two Schools

CUMBERLAND - The Mabel I. Wilson School and Greely High School will be dedicated formally in programs arranged for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at the Wilson School and at 7:30 p.m. the same day at Greely High School.

At the Mabel I. Wilson School, Omar Norton, state director of elementary education, will speak. The Rev. Warren T. Harmon, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, will give the invocation and benediction. The Greely Junior High School Band will play and the elementary Choral Group will sing.

Speaking at Greely High School will be Rep. Harrison L. Richardson Jr.; Walter R. Young, chairman of the board of directors of SAD 51; William N. Farwell, principal of Greely High School, and Frederick M. Logan Jr., chairman of the building committee.

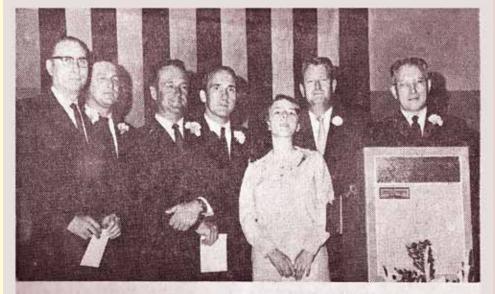
The Rev. Valton V. Morse, pastor of Cumberland Congregational Church, will give the invocation and the Rev. Mark Franck, pastor of the Holy Martyrs Catholic Church in Falmouth, the benediction. The Greely band and chorus will take part in the ceremony.

+ Dedication Program + Mabel I. Wilson School - 6:30 PM

March, Schumann-Piato Junior High Band Sarabande, Corelli-Piato Junior High Band . Rev. Warren T. Harmon Invocation Introduction of Speaker Reginald Dews Supervising Principal Omar Norto State Director, Elementary Education Musical Selections ... Elementary Choral Group Benediction Rev. Warren T. Harmo

> Parade to Greely High School Marilyn Hall - Choral Director

Carle Henry, Jr. - Band Director



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DEDICATION PRINCIPALS - Speak- state legislature; Dixie Hayes, presiers at the dedication of the new dent of the senior class; Frederick M. Greely High School in Cumberland Logan, chairman of the building comast night were, from left, William N. mittee, and the Rev. Valton V. Morse, Farwell, principal; Walter R. Young, pastor of the Cumberland Congregachairman of the directors of SAD 51; tional Church. It was exactly 100 Vaughn A. Lacombe, superintendent years ago that the original Greely of schools; Harrison L. Richardson, High School was dedicated, (Hutch-Cumberland representative to the inson Photo)

New School District Plans

Cumberland-N. Yarmouth **\$760,000 Building Program** District Votes School-Gym

-and the Pool

Portland, Maine, Evening Express, Tuesday, April 12, 1966

Talk Of The Towns

Swimming Pool

Is Proposed

For SAD 51 Gym

we District 51 is proposing a swimming cost

Logan Jr., district directors chairman, "but we always

the cost."

Logan

We have wanted," says Frederic

thought we couldn't afford it because of

Logan says that the "real shocker" is s cost, which will be less than \$4,000 a

year for Cumberland and less than \$900 a

year for North Yarmouth. He considers this

of community benefits to be derived from

Logan explained that it is the sub-stantial state building aid that Cumberland and North Yarmouth would receive as a

and North Yarmouth would receive as a school district which would help make the pool financially possible. He also said the most logical time to build a pool is when the symmasium is being constructed. He said enthusiastic district directors envision a seven-day, var-round facility that would give the district's 1,000-plus school children a chance to swim at least once a week when school is in session. The pool would add an intra-mural physical education activity. It also would he avail.

sural physical education activity. It also would be available evenings to clubs and adult groups and, in summer for Red Cross water safety instruction, classes for the handicapped and other special programs,

LOGAN EXPLAINED that the YMCA pool in Port-ind, where a number of suburban groups swim, has such a light schedule that one Cumberland swimming team member practiced only three times in one season.

Logan's conviction that swimming is one of the most

Logan's conviction that swimming is one of the most beneficial sports a school system or a community can have a backed up by Harold A. Paulson, veteran swimming in-mrustor at the Portland Boys' Chub. Taulson, who has taught literally thousands to swim in the 40-odd years he's been at it, also thinks pools build food community spirit. "It is amazing." he said, "what a pool will do in a community." He says Maine is "so far beind on this sort of thing it ian't funny." Taulson believes that any community that puts in a pool "puts in a tremendous amount of insurance" because there is professional instruction. "Regardless of the money invested." he said, "if one life is aaved as the result of this instruction the money is well spent."

sell spent." Paulson noted that for those who are sround a pool and see good swimming "it rubs off casily." He siso made the point that children are competitive and live in a competitive nation. A swimming pool, if it has the proper dimensions, he add, opens up an entirely new field of sometition

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inexpensive compared with the vast area



The Building Committee included the following rationale for a pool in the 1966 construction plan booklet:

"When first proposed, the pool project seemed bold and almost reckless, but as the possibilities for its use unfolded, it sparked the interest of all concerned... when it was determined that the average annual cost to the Towns would be under \$4,000 to Cumberland and under \$700 to North Yarmouth, it was decided to include it in the proposal for consideration by the voters."



Ray Humphreys, longtime Greely Guidance Counselor, and Dick Knight, newly appointed Pool Director, *take turns filling the pool!*

Donna Miller (Damon) remembers the new **pool:** In early January 1968 the temperature barely got above zero. Even the boat from *Chebeague couldn't cut through the ice.*

One day, Dixie Hayes and I were hanging around after school when pool director Dick Knight asked if we wanted to be the first students in the pool. We jumped at the chance! The pool was heated ... but outside, it was still 4° weather. What fun to jump in that water, but afterwards, imagine us with wet hair tucked into our Icelandic ski hats!

Swimming was immediately integrated into gym classes. We learned to dive off the springboard and retrieve bricks from the deep end. We learned

basic lifesaving techniques such as jumping in without our heads going underwater. Seniors had a special perk: they could go swimming during study halls. Although hair dryers had been installed in the locker room, it was impossible for an entire class of long-haired girls to dry their hair in time for our next classes—so long, wet hair became the new norm.

That spring many of us had pool parties to celebrate our 18th birthdays. Saturday night after Saturday night, girls and boys alike gathered at the pool for an evening of fun, followed by a burger at Cole Farms, the only place to go for miles around.



We felt pretty special being one of two public schools in Maine to have a swimming pool!