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A $1. 2 million dollar contract has been let for the construction of a new gymnasium at Phoenix lndian School, Phoenix, Ariz., Assistant to the

Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Marvin L. Franklin announced today. The contract was awarded to M. Greenburg Construction Company, Inc. of Phoenix.

"The physical education facilities this Bureau o E Indian Affairs school now has are in poor condition and too small to carry on a complete physical education program," Franklin said. "The new unit will include a gymnasium, wrestling room, a gymnastics room, classroom, weight lifting room, coaches' office, and other adjunct facilities such as a concession building."

When the project is completed, it will provide athletic facilities to accommodate the entire student enrollment 'ln the physical education portion of the school's curriculum. It will also provide space for interscholastic and intramural athletic programs at the school.

"Indian young people need the stamina and coordination that an adequate physical fitness program gives to compete successfully in today's world -whether they continue their education or enter the work force," Franklin said.

The present school site was established in 1891. The school now has an enrollment of 1,050 students ranging in grades 7 through 12.