

# Study in "The Land of The Sky"

## From Indian Days To Paved Highways In Transylvania

Long before the white man came into the mountains of southwestern North Carolina, Cherokee braves were fishing the streams and hunting among the hills and coves which surround the head waters of the French Broad river.

Up until the American Revolution, Brevard and its environs were conceded to be Indian territory. The only white men to visit this region were a few hunters, trappers and traders who occasionally ventured into the upper reaches of the French Broad.

About 1783 a few hardy English, Irish and Scotch settlers commenced to come into the valley.

In January 1861 the Legislature of North Carolina created Transylvania county from portions of Henderson and Jackson. The county seat was named Brevard in honor of Colonel Ephriam Brevard. Though known as an outstanding Revolutionary soldier, his greatest fame rests in his signature to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence as clerk of the committee which drew up this



NEW DORMITORY FOR WOMEN

document on May 20, 1775.

The past two decades have been years of steady development for Brevard and Transylvania county. The region has long been regarded as an ideal vacation land because of the scenic beauty of the French Broad valley and surrounding mountains, and the pleasant climate. Even in the coldest months, from December through February, the average temperature is 39.3° F and during the warmest months, from July through August, the mean temperature is 71° F. Many years ago it came to be a center for summer camps for boys and girls. More recently, with the establishment of Brevard college, the Transylvania Music Camp, the Brevard Music Festival, and with the substantial increase both in population and prosperity, there has been a quickening of the intellectual

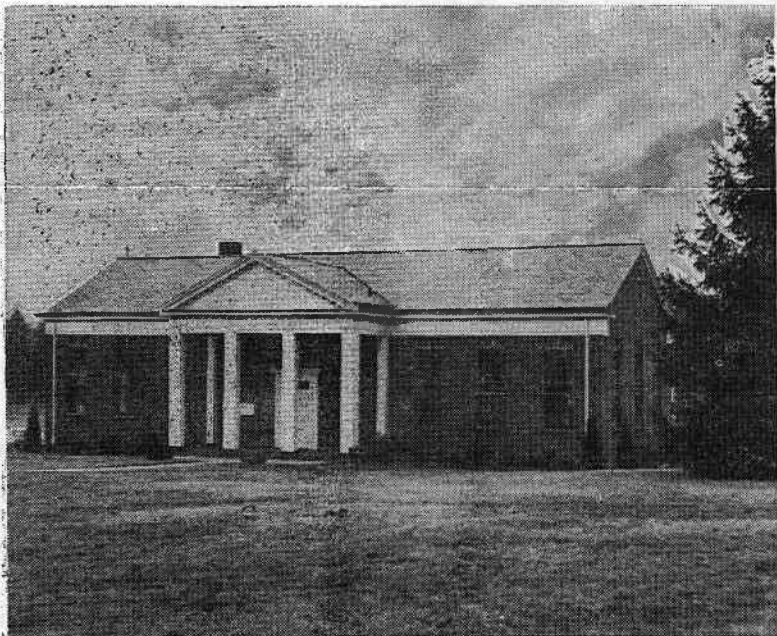
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## Women's Dormitory Will Be Occupied After Holidays

As this bulletin goes to press, work on the new dormitory for women is being pushed to completion. It will be occupied by students Thursday, April 8, when they return to the campus after the Easter holidays.

Everything has been done to make the dormitory attractive and livable. The rooms are approximately 13 by 16 feet in size, with built-in vanity and large closets. The baths are of all-tile construction with marble standards. The large reception room, cozy fireplace, and picture windows overlook the college farm and distant

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The library building is a gift of the family of the late James Addison Jones of Charlotte, N. C. It was dedicated in 1948 and contains 15,000 volumes and several hundred musical recordings.

