

# Thanks To Bond Issue, Schools Of Transylvania Progressing Rapidly . . . .

Back in November, 1946, a special edition of The Echo was devoted to a school bond election. This edition encouraged Ecustans to register for the election and presented facts to show how badly additional money was needed for the school program in the county.

A message by Mr. Harry H. Straus featured this issue and in the message he pointed out the educational needs in the county. He stressed our obligation to the children in that they deserved a good education which would add to their future prosperity, health, and happiness.

With this sendoff, the bond issue carried by a substantial margin. This meant that \$310,000 would become available for school improvements.

Almost two years later as the schools are opening for another session, we think it is appropriate to summarize the improvements your votes brought about. With the help of Prof. J. B. Jones, county superintendent of schools, the following information is brought to you.

The bulk of the sum—\$192,000, which included the price of the lot—was spent on the new Brevard Elementary school which was so desperately needed. Today that beautiful, modern 11-room building houses 440 children in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Ask some of the children going there how they like it and you'll see them beam as they proudly tell you all the nice things about it.

It is understandable that not many new build-

ings of that cost could be built, so badly-needed repairs on buildings all over the county were begun. Brevard Primary, Brevard High, and Rosman High received new roofs at a cost of \$6,200. New stokers, heating, lighting, and plumbing repairs to various schools consumed another \$13,000. Included in this expense was the installation of florescent lighting in all schools and up until that time, Balsam Grove, Silversteen, and Lake Toxaway didn't have electricity. The Brevard Lions Club bore one-half the expense of the florescent lighting.

Five new buses took \$15,000; general repairs to the buildings—painting, plastering, etc.—used up \$10,000, and furniture including desks, tables, chairs, window shades, Home Economics equipment, etc. cost \$13,000. The lunch room in the basement of Brevard Primary which had been used for classes was again remodeled and is now being used for a lunch room again. This cost \$5,000.

And there's still more to be done. A building program at Rosman has been allocated \$150,000, but the lowest bid was \$230,000, so rather than compromise, it was decided to hold that sum until additional revenue became available and then do the job right. The elementary building there will be renovated; eight new class rooms and a lunchroom added; and new plumbing and heating for both buildings will be provided.

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*The beautiful new Elementary School in Brevard.*

