

\$120,000 Pledged To Unit

Commission Chairman Bill Ives and Social Services Director Don Morrison spent all day Thursday in Raleigh trooping from state to federal offices trying to nail down additional funding for the Human Resources Building, which will be let on bids Thursday of this week.

They were able to secure pledges which will bring in approximately \$120,000. Additional funds are expected from some of the smaller agencies. Only the State Health Department was able to give the county an outright grant of \$20,000.

The other agencies will give their aid in the form of rent-like payments; but, this will be just as helpful over the long run in reducing the cost of the Transylvania County taxpayer, Mr. Ives said.

Both men were pleasantly surprised with the warm reception they received in all of the offices. Secretary of Human Resources David Flaherty is very enthusiastic about this proposal as Transylvania County will be the first to consolidate all of these agencies involved in human services under one roof.

Interest in this concept has been growing rapidly and many other counties are hoping to follow Transylvania's example, Mr. Ives said.

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, at their recent Legislative Goals Conference, asked the Legislature to permit all counties to move in this direction.

The reason for this request is that other counties do not have quite the cooperative spirit among the agencies that exists in Transylvania and the commissioners would like to have the power to force cooperation if needed, Mr. Ives said.

Hundreds See Parade In Rosman

Hundreds of persons stood in sunny, but at times chilly weather Sunday afternoon to view the colorful Rosman Christmas parade sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Rosman Rescue Squad.

The high school bands from Rosman and Brevard, trucks, floats, Rescue Squad vehicles, and fire trucks joined the procession which was led by Sheriff Milford Hubbard.

Santa Claus distributed candy from his perch atop a shiny red firetruck to the children along the way.

The parade formed at Zion Baptist Church and marched up Main Street to Rice's Store on Highway 64, proceeding to the Butler Auto Co., turning down Chestnut St. and returning to the church.

Rosman's stores and streets were adorned with colorful Yule decorations for the annual event.

Babson Forecast Coming

Babson's famed Business and Financial Forecast for 1975 will be carried in year-end editions of The Transylvania Times as has been done in previous years.

The report says that 1975 will be a year of realignment, and of recession, but not depression.

Watch for it in The Times.



Soil Scientist John M. King, left, who did much of the survey work, and soil Conservationist Merrimon Shuford, look over copy of new soil survey released for Transylvania County.

Transylvania Soil Survey Completed

A soil survey of Transylvania County, seven years in the making, and so complete it delineates the soil types and conditions of every acre of the county's land, was revealed for the public Thursday night at Brevard College.

The occasion was a dinner meeting sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service and the District Soil and Water Conservation Committee for civic, business, and industrial leaders, educators and others.

Randal Lyday, presiding, said that the survey would prove invaluable to the county in providing information for locating industry, home development sites, ponds, recreation facilities, and indicated that in the future a lot of mistakes could be eliminated by utilizing land according to the role for which it was best suited.

The massive task of classifying the soils was done by Soil Scientist John M. King and John W. Turpin of the Soil Conservation Service, and Daniel D. Bacon of the U.S. Forest Service.

Mr. King was the only member of that group present for the Thursday night session.

FIVE YEARS
Five man years were spent in compiling the data on the soils, the scientist said, with another two years in mapping.

He cited some amusing incidents he said weren't very amusing during the time they occurred during the soil testing period. He stepped on a rattlesnake in the Sapphire Community and escaped getting bitten, he slipped and fell into Little River on another occasion and once blundered into an operating still in the Balsam Grove Community.

Commissioners Ask Added State Help

The Legislative Goals Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners was a very well-attended meeting in Raleigh on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Commission Chairman Bill Ives attended the meeting and also chaired the section on taxation and finance which took up nearly half of the commissioners' time.

Dr. Charles Sopher, agronomy extension specialist from N.C. State University, explained that the soil survey should be given a place in the forefront of all planning; it belongs in the social scheme.

Taking rural housing developments as one potential use of the land, he said the survey report would provide information about whether septic tanks would work in particular areas without further testing, and without the sometimes sad trial and error.

The commissioners meet each year just prior to the convening of the Legislature to go over proposed legislation and give county commissioners viewpoint as to the direction North Carolina should move.

This year the commissioners were basically asking for more state help in operating the agencies mandated by the Legislature.

See Off Wins Top Community Award

Adjudged Finest In W.N.C.

See Off Community, immaculate and sparkling in Transylvania County, Saturday won top honors in the "A" Division of the Western N. C. Community Development Contest defeating the winners of 11 other counties.

Led by Mrs. W. R. Lance, the community compiled a long list of achievements during the year including beautification, roadside cleanups, removal of junked cars, a strong youth program and others in winning the top place.

Mrs. Lula Johnson was in charge of the community's beautification and Mrs. Jane Cox compiled the winning record of achievements.

See Off received a \$400 award sponsored by Sears-Roebuck and Company.

Transylvania County's winners in Division "B" (75-150 families), Dunn's Rock; and Division "C" (more than 150 families), Little River, both won honorable mentions and awards of \$50 each from the district contest.

Green Valley of Avery County and Nantahala of Macon County were the first place winners, respectively, in those divisions.

Speaker for the 25th annual awards luncheon of the Western N. C. Development Assn., Inc. was U. S. Under Secretary of Agriculture J. Phil Campbell, who predicted a rosy future for the entire Appalachian region as Americans continue to "gain in time and money beyond the necessities of life."

"For several years," Mr. Campbell said, "a large portion of our American society has had more time and more money than necessary to provide the necessities of life and some normal luxuries. Those fortunate families have shown by their actions that they intend to spend some of it."

Move Into Schools Delayed

With the opening of Brevard's new elementary and middle schools delayed again, The Transylvania Board of Education Thursday asked its attorney, Ralph H. Ramsey Jr. to press the contractor, Juno Construction Company, for completion of the two units.

It was announced in November that the new schools would be in use before Christmas.

"No," says Superintendent of Education Harry Corbin, "the target is now to move January 2 and 3. The middle school may be ready, but prospects for the opening of the elementary school early in January are dim."

The superintendent said he wants the contractor to add shifts of painters and carpet layers to get the job done at an early date.

Those are the two crafts which are dragging their heels, he said.



SEE OFF LEADERS—(l to r) Mrs. W.R. Lance, president; Mrs. Lula Johnson, beautification chairman; and Mrs. Jane Cox, achievement book chairman, in front of See Off Community House.

\$1,766,373 School Bids Get Approval

The Transylvania Board of Education Thursday night decided to proceed with \$1,766,373 worth of construction on Rosman's new high school and a vocational building at Brevard High School, Superintendent of Education Harry Corbin announced Friday.

The Bryant Construction Company was low bidder on the general contracts at both schools; Electrical Constructors Company of America, Inc., was low for electrical work, also at both schools; and Osborne Plumbing and Heating won awards for mechanical and plumbing at the projects.

Mr. Corbin said that letters of intent to sign contracts were being given the low bidders, and that contracts would be signed when the approval of the State Board of Education is final.

As School Board chairman Eugene Morris announced last week, the contractors were being asked to make certain modifications in their bids to bring them into line with available funds.

Certain modifications in construction were agreed to, so the planned changes have to get approval of the state, which had already approved the original plans.

Funds from a statewide bond issue are being used largely in the construction, hence N.C. approval is necessary.

The breakdown of the accepted bids:

General, Brevard High School, Bryant Construction Co, \$391,400; general, Rosman High, Bryant, \$714,300.

Electrical, Brevard, Electrical Constructors of America, Inc., \$108,410; electrical, Rosman, same contractor, \$119,800.

Mechanical, Brevard, Osborne Plumbing and Heating Co., \$100,508; mechanical, Rosman, Osborne, \$142,452.

Plumbing, Brevard, Osborne, \$41,315; plumbing, Rosman, Osborne, \$74,572.

Paving, Brevard, Bryant Construction, \$14,935; paving,

Rosman, Bryant, \$8,631.
Terrazzo floors, Brevard, Bryant, \$16,000; terrazzo floors, Rosman, Bryant, \$20,000.

Welding booths in present shop building at Brevard High School, Bryant, \$4,450; Electrical Constructors, \$5,000; and Osborne Plumbing and Heating, \$4,600.

John I. Anderson Award To G. Sprott

Gordon Sprott is the recipient of the Brevard Rotary Club's first John I. Anderson Award.

Gil Coan made the presentation Friday night at the ladies night meeting of the club.

The award was established by the club following the death in August of Mr. Anderson, a charter member of the club and its first president. Mr. Anderson exemplified the club motto, "Service Above Self," in everything he did, Mr. Coan said.

Mr. Sprott was selected for the award, which will be made annually, as the Rotarian who best exemplifies the spirit of the motto, Mr. Coan said.

November Busy One For Brevard Police

The Brevard Police Department has reported a busy November, responding to 492 calls during the month and making a grand total of 83 arrests for the period.

There were 35 accidents investigated during the month, Chief Jimmy Rowe reports, with eight persons having injuries, and property damage amounted to \$10,405. There were no fatalities. Only 59 parking tickets were issued for the month, he said.

Arrests other than traffic, as reported by Chief Rowe:

One disorderly conduct, disturbing peace; one assault on female, one assault and battery; two assault; one worthless check; four capias;

Mr. Corbin said that completion of these projects would leave some \$300,000 in the school board's treasury.

"If we can get \$300,000 for the abandoned downtown school property we can proceed with other projects as Penrose, Straus, and other locations."

He was cited for his work in the establishment of a leadership camp for boys, held on the campus of Brevard College during the summer.

During the week, the boys are exposed to adult leaders in various professions to help them see what it takes to be a leader and how they can develop leadership qualities.

He also worked with the Experiment in International Living, when eight Japanese girls and their teacher visited Brevard and lived with local families for three weeks.

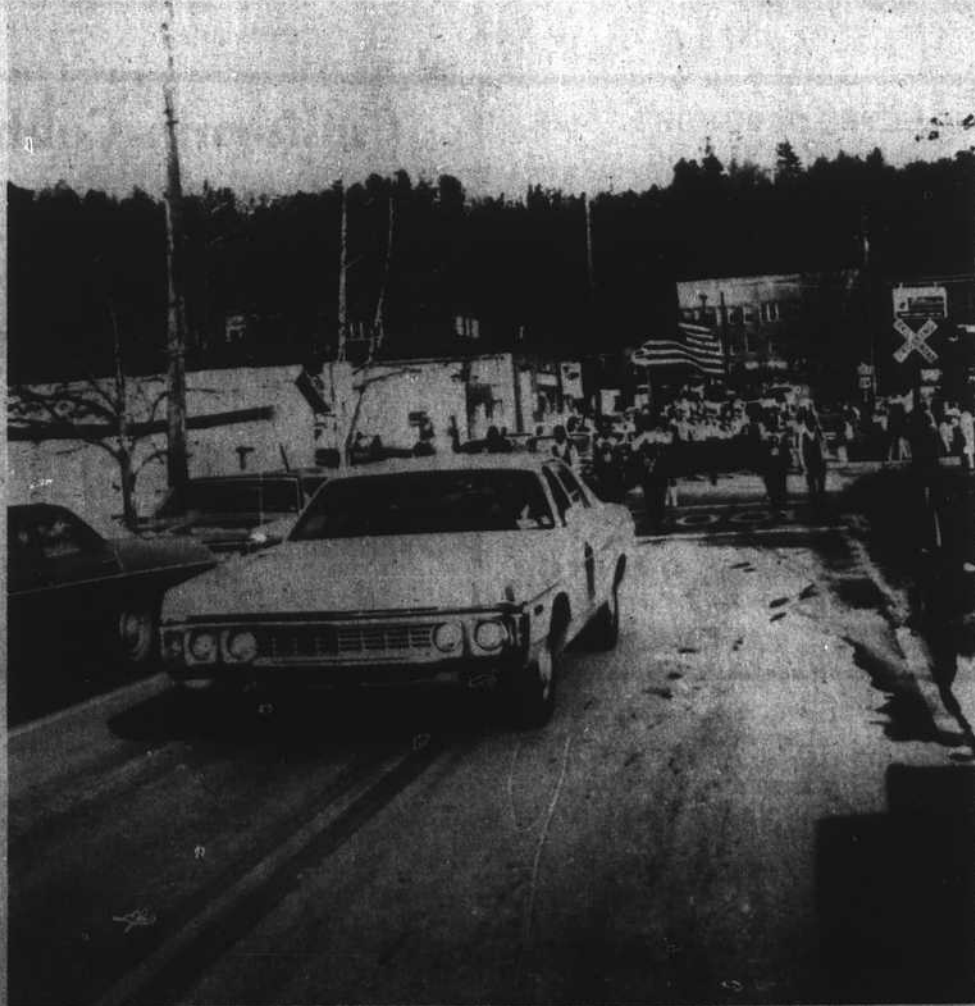
Mr. Sprott was also cited for his work with the Boy Scouts, his church and for the great number of new Rotary club members he obtained.

one non-support; two trespassing; one carrying concealed weapon.

Also 15 public drunkenness, five destruction of real property; three breaking, entering, and larceny; two possession of marijuana; three larceny; five auto theft; one attempted rape, three kidnapping, three armed robbery; two forgery.

Traffic arrests and citations for November:

Two driving under influence; eight warning; one exceeding safe speed; one driving left of center; three no operator's license; five stop sign or signal; two following too close; one improper equipment; one reckless driving; and three speeding.



SHERIFF Milford Hubbard's auto leads Rosman's Christmas parade down Chesnut St. from school on Highway 64. Hundreds of persons turned out for the Rosman event on a chilly Sunday afternoon.