

It Cost \$350,000

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School Board Inspects, Then Accepts New Douglass Elementary School

The school board on Tuesday accepted the new Leesburg Douglass elementary school from contractor Earl K. Rosti and architects Bailey and Patton and ordered the final payment of \$28,765.79 made.

They have a year's guarantee on the workmanship and material in the new building.

The cost of the building alone was \$275,155.79. Total cost of grounds, equipment and building was \$350,000.

Before the building was accepted, superintendent of schools C. M. Bussinger and the school board with the contractor and architect visited it. They inspected the classrooms, offices, auditorium, kitchen, cafeteria, library and the large oil-burning plant in the basement.

Inspection was made of the walls, the ceiling, floors, and lighting to see if everything came up to specifications.

A Times-Mirror reporter who accompanied the board members

was especially impressed with the building. It is one of the finest in the County. Everything was in good order, they found the pupils orderly and the rooms in excellent condition.

Especially impressive were the long corridors where already large displays of Thanksgiving decorations had been posted as well as other artistic material, the work of Douglass elementary pupils.

It was pointed out by the architect that more and more in new schools throughout the State, corridors are being used for displays. Narrow strips are placed along the sides on which displays may be mounted.

Said principal Fred E. Drummond, "Each month we decorate according to the season. Last month, Halloween decorations were used. This month it is Thanksgiving and next month we will have Christmas scenes."

When the well-equipped kitchen was visited, the group found

the cook and her helper preparing a meal. For Tuesday they had produced macaroni and cheese, boiled cabbage, carrot salad, corn bread, cookies and milk.

Douglass elementary is ultra modern in every respect. The children who attend the school seem proud to be in such a handsome building.