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A headline above an article that appeared in the local paper on July 6 read:

COUNTY SCHOOLS GET TOP RATING.

Since we have harbored some doubts in the past about the quality of public education at local and state levels, this was encouraging news. We went on to read that five Muscogee County Schools had received a score of 97.6 out of a possible 100 points—the highest rating ever awarded in the state of Georgia. Eight of our 61 schools had received perfect ratings of 100! The award was made by the Department of Education's Office of School Plant Services and was for "custodial and maintenance programs." It is comforting to know that the schools of Muscogee County are in the hands of such competent repairmen, janitors and groundskeepers.

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