

Principal Reporting -----M. W. WEAVER

School has begun and we are well on our way into a new year. Enrollment is satisfactory in the grades. At this writing there are 382 students in grades 1-8. High school enrollment is a little below what was expected. Two factors are responsible for this situation. First, the ninth grade is not quite as large as in recent years; and second, some students who were expected back did not return. The high school enrollment is 214. Now that we have the enrollment, let's keep attendance at a high level.

DENTIST'S REPORT

The school dentist has been here for two and one half weeks. Elsewhere in the BUGLE is given an account of the work he did. According to his statement, the dentist is not being seen often enough. Many children were examined who had very bad teeth. The examinations did not go beyond the sixth grade. All students who have not seen the dentist within the past six months should get an appointment soon.

SAFETY RECORD

The bus drivers in our school are entitled to special recognition for the safety record built up over the last seven years. During that time, there has been only one reportable accident and the damage in that was less than ten dollars. The drivers this year have a record of safety to maintain.

Improving instruction is the major emphasis in our school for this year. Re-

sults of a testing program carried on in the county over the past several years show that we lose ground during the high school period. Our students rate higher percentile wise when they are in the ninth grade than when they are in the twelfth grade. This does not mean that they do not learn during high school, but it means that they do not achieve as much as students do on a national average. Each teacher is trying to improve instruction. Each parent is urged to help his child do the very best

job of which he is capable during the 1956-1957 school year.

PICTURES ARE IN COLOR

Pictures in color was an added feature offered the students earlier this month when the photographer arrived to make the school's pictures.

To assure better pictures, special make-up was applied to every one--boy or girl--who faced the camera. Given the job of applying it were Peggy Braswell and Shelby Williams.

Black combs were also distributed by the photographers from Delmar's Studio in Raleigh.

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