STATISTICS SHOW ENROLLMENT IN NINTH **GRADE 30,000 GREATER THAN 21 YEARS AGO**

Enrollment in the ninth grade, now versely non-promotions have decreasthe first year of the four-year high ed. school course, has increased from a I

In the case of whites the percentage total of 35,573 in 1931-32 to 65,624 of promotions increased from 81.9 in in 1952-53, or more than 30,000 dur-ing this 21-year period. The trend has not been constant during these years, but since 1944-45 in the case responding decreases during the years of white pupils and 1942-43 in the were made in the percentage of noncase of Negroes, an upward tendency promotions. is observed.

For Negroes, the number and per-Enrollment of white children incentage of promotions have also increased from 30,271 in 1931-32 to 47,-991 in 1952-53, an increase of 17,720 age varied from 76.6 in 1931-32 to during the 21-year period or 58.5 per 87.0 in 1949-50. For the past five cent increase. Average yearly in- years it has been between 86 and 87 crease was 844. The increase has per cent. Non-promotions, on the othbeen almost constant except for World er hand, have tended to decrease to War II years when there were fewer where the percentage is now between ninth grade students than preceding 13 and 14. vears

years. Ninth grade enrollment for the begin with the year 1936-37. Aver-Negro schools increased from 5,302 age daily membership and average in 1931-32 to 17,633 in 1952, an in- daily attendance are greater now than crease of 12,331 for the entire period that year. Average daily absences considered. This represented a 232.6 are greater also, both in number and per cent increase, or an average year. percentages for both races. In the case of white students the ly increase of 587

Membership, those students on the roll on the last day of school, likewise increased for both races over the 21-year period. The trend paralleled that of enrollment, and the percentage more.

of increase was approximately the same as that of enrollment in the case of white students and slightly less for Negroes.

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The number of drop-outs, those students who left school once they en-rolled, increased during the 21 years as would be expected for a larger enrollment.

In the case of white students, how ever, the percentage of drop-outs varies-from 8.1 per cent of the total enrolled in 1937-38 to 12.9 per cent in 1942-43. In 1952-53 this percentage was 9.1 per cent, one per cent less than the preceding year, and approxi-mately the same as for 1931-32.

In the case of Negro students, the percentage of drop-outs varies to some extent, but in recent years this percentage has been greater than was true prior to 1946-47. The range for the 21 years is from 6.1 per cent in 1938-39 to 12.0 in 1947-48. In 1951-52

and 1952-53 there was an identical percentage, 10.1, of drop-outs for this The number of promotions, too, has

increased over the years for both races as would be expected with increased enrollments in this grade. Con-

percentage was less than five per cent during early years. During recent! years this percentage has been around (six per cent, a little less or a little In the case of Negroes, the percent age of average daily absences for this

grade was about six per cent, but for recent years this percentage has in-creased to 7-9 per cent.

Augustus W. Bunch **Dies Early Thursday**

Augustus Wilbur Bunch, 72, died Thursday morning at 4 o'clock at his home in the Holley's Wharf section following a short illness. A native of Chowan County, he was a retired farmer, and a son of the late Isaiah Bunch and Joanne Forehand Bunch. He is survived by his wife, Mrs.

Artie Dail Bunch; four sons, Julian Bunch of South Norfolk, Leroy, Ervin and Wilbur Bunch, all of Edenton; two

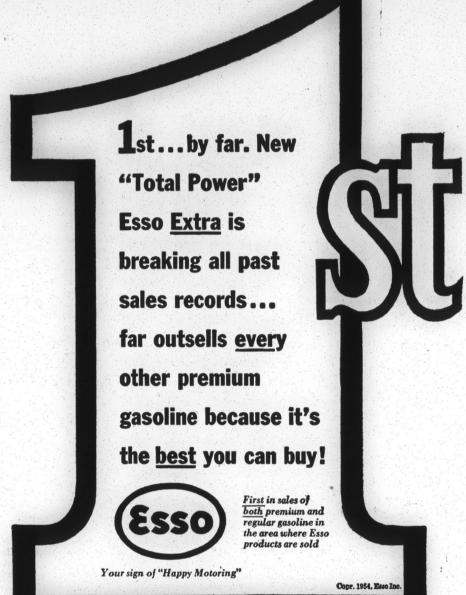
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daughters, Mrs. Dewey P. McLeod of Suffolk, and Mrs. Edison H. Hobbs of Portsmouth; one sister, Mrs. C. P. Bunch of Tyner and one grandson. Funeral services were held at the Center Hill Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. L. C. Chandler, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor of the Warwick Baptist Church. In terment was in the family cemetery.







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