

FRANKLIN HIGH HAS 302 STUDENTS

Non-Standard School of 70 Pupils 8 Years Ago—Now Class 1-A School—An Increase of 450 Per Cent in 8 Years.

By the end of the first school month the enrollment figures for the year can usually be estimated fairly closely. By that time those who are intending to enter will have entered and those who are going to quit will have quit. In connection with these figures for this year an interesting comparison with previous years may be drawn.

Franklin High school has been growing, faster in some years than others but in no year during the last seven for which records are available has there been a loss in enrollment. No records are available for years prior to 1919-20 for these were destroyed in the fire which occurred during that year.

In 1919-20 there were 71 pupils enrolled in Franklin H. S. with an average daily attendance of 58 pupils.

In 1920-21 there was an enrollment of 82 pupils. This was a gain of about 15 per cent over the year before. The average attendance for this year was 75.

1921-22 produced an enrollment of 91, an increase of practically 10 per cent and the average attendance was 79 for the year. This was only an increase of 8 per cent in attendance as compared with the increase of 10 per cent in enrollment.

In 1922-23 the enrollment for the first time crossed the 100 mark reaching 113 during this year, this amounting to an increase of 12 per cent. The attendance for this year was an average of 85 per day.

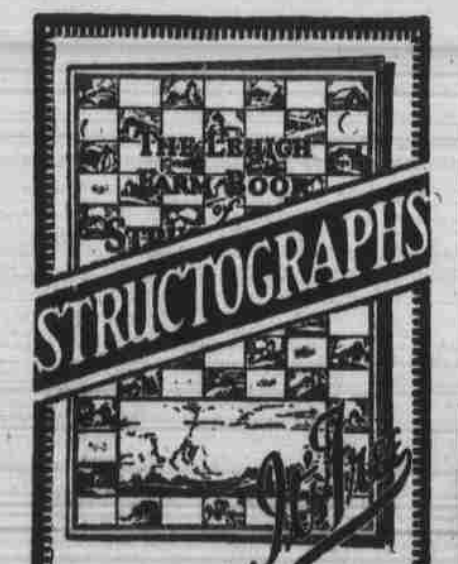
During the following session the High school attendance reached 125, an increase of 10 per cent over the year before. The attendance this year was 90 per day.

In 1924-25 the High school enrollment was 161 or more than double the enrollment of 1919-20. It is well to remember that the increase during the years noted above was not the result of any consolidation as during this time the school was under special charter. There were a few students enrolled from outside the district during each of these years but this number was about the same each year and does not affect the totals any more in one than in another.

These figures as to the increase in school population during the above years also give a fairly good indication of the rate of growth of population in the Town of Franklin. No one would insist that it was thoroughly accurate but it is about the best indicator that can be had. According to this barometer it seems that the population of Franklin is increasing

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at a rate of from 7 per cent to 10 per cent each year, all factors taken into consideration. If this is accurate within any reasonable degree it would seem that the population of Franklin should be now around 1,300 as it was 773 in 1920.

In 1925-26 there were 207 pupils enrolled in the High school, the increase of 40 over the year before being brought about by the fact that during this year the school became a county-wide high school. The attendance 150.

In 1926-27, last year the enrollment was 267, a net increase of 105 in two years. This was an increase over 1919-20, seven years before, of practically 200 or 300 per cent. The attendance during 1926-27 was 216, three times as many students per day as there were enrolled in 1919.

This year there are enrolled in the high school 302 students, an increase of over forty over the year before.

From the above figures it may be seen that during the past 8 years the high school has increased from a non-standard school of 70 students to a Class 1-A school of over 300 students. This is an increase of over 450 per cent during the past 8 years or an average increase of over 50 per cent per year. It will also be noted that the major portion of this increase has taken place since 1924, the school having doubled in size from 161 to 302 during the last three years. We wonder if any other establishment has increased its business the same amount during this period.

Next week we shall have some facts with regard to costs of instruction and amounts spent per child per year.

School News

It has been so arranged that the report cards will be given out every six weeks instead of every four; causing two weeks delay and much disappointment among the students.

Mr. Houk and Mr. Kesler took Friday afternoon off, to see the football game played in Asheville between Wake Forest and Presbyterian College. They were accompanied by several members of the High school football team—including Ched Wilkes and Red Stewart.

Miss Louise Daniels also spent the week end with relatives in Decatur.
—H. P. and K. C. '28.

Bryson Inspects Macon County Kaolin Deposits

Raleigh, Oct. 5.—J. Bryson, state geologist, left Tuesday for Macon county to make an inspection of a number of kaolin clay deposits. He will also inspect several other prop-

erties containing minerals or ceramic clays while in that section.

Some of the best deposits of kaolin clay, used in the manufacture of chinaware and other ceramic products, anywhere in the country, are located in Western North Carolina. Mr. Bryson reports, and he predicts

that the mining of ceramic clays will be an important industry in the western part of the state within a few years. A number of mines and mills are already in operation, with more in prospect.—The Asheville Times.

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