

### 42,911 Students In Colleges Of State

Enrollment in North Carolina institutions of high learning as of October 1, 1953, totals 42,911. This number is 1,541, or 3.7 per cent, more than the enrollment a year ago. Men students number 24,537, or 57.2 per cent, whereas women compose 18,374, or 42.8 per cent, of the total enrollment.

For the eight year period from 1946 to 1954 it is observed that enrollment in North Carolina's institutions of higher learning was highest in 1947-48, the total that year being 47,071. This total dropped on succeeding years until the lowest of the eight years considered was reached in 1951-52 when the total was 40,738. During the past two years, there were increases in the total college enrollment.

The proportion of men and women students is gradually changing. In 1947-48 there was almost a two to one ratio. This ratio was approximately three to two in 1951-52, and now it is almost four to three. It is observed that there were 15,380 women enrolled in all institutions in 1948-49 and that the number of women increased yearly to the present 18,374.

This increase is applicable to both white and Negro women students. Among the white institutions the enrollment of 1953-54 is divided 61.8 per cent men and women 38.2 per cent. Negro institutions have only 38.9 per cent men as compared with 61.1 per cent women. In the one institution for Indians the percentage ratio is 38.2 men to 61.8 women.

On the racial basis there are today 34,261 white students, 8,519 Negro students and 131 Indian students enrolled in North Carolina colleges and universities. By percentages this division is 79.8 per cent white, 19.9 per cent Negro and .3 of one per cent Indian.

By type of institutions the division of the 1953-54 enrollment is 38,942 in senior colleges, 4,869 in junior and off-campus institutions. The senior colleges enroll 29,626 white students, 8,285 Negro students and 131 Indian students. Junior institutions enroll 4,635 white students and 234 Negroes.

The six senior public, or State-supported, institutions for white students have an enrollment of 16,450. The sixteen senior private institutions showed a nine per cent increase ac-

ording to the Motor Vehicles Department's Highway Safety Division. The division recorded 326,148 such mishaps in 1953 while only 32,289 occurred the preceding year.

Non fatal accidents reported for the year came to 9,652, a slight decrease from 1952. Injuries occurring from all reported motor vehicle accidents in the state last year totaled 15,171, or 233 fewer than the year before. Fatalities, subject to later revision, were pegged at 1,117.

### State Accepts Four National 4-H Awards Programs For 1954

The State Club office has accepted four national 4-H awards programs for participation of members in 1954, the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work has announced. The programs are Garden, Clothing, Achievement, Poultry, and Tractor Maintenance, in the last three of which awards have been changed.

In the 4-H Clothing program, four (formerly one) gold-filled medals of honor will be provided for winners in qualifying counties by the awards donor, Coats & Clark, Inc. As in the past, the state winner will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Also, 12 state winners selected for national awards will each receive a \$300.00 college scholarship.

Instead of five sterling silver medal awards to county winners in the 4-H Poultry program, four gold-filled medals will be provided this year by the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Co. Awards of an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago for state winners, and \$300.00 college scholarships to ten national winners remain unchanged.

In the 4-H Tractor Maintenance program, the American Oil Co., will provide four gold-filled instead of sterling silver medals of honor as county awards. The state winner will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, as heretofore. The national awards, however, have been increased from eight to 12 \$300.00 college scholarships.

Awards in the 4-H Garden program, which are provided by Allis-Chalmers, remain the same as last year—four gold-filled medals of honor, an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, and eight \$300.00 college scholarships, to county, state and national winners, respectively.

All these national 4-H programs are supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

### Campaign Urged To Eliminate Swine TB

Citing the example of America's successful 25-year fight to eradicate tuberculosis in cattle, veterinary medical leaders urged a similar drive to curb the disease in swine and poultry.

The American Veterinary Medical Association points out that 2,500,000 hogs were found by federal inspectors last year to contain lesions of TB. That was more than four per cent of all hogs given federal inspection. No comparable figures are available for poultry, but losses in that field also are high.

"Since practically all of the tuberculosis found in hogs comes from infected chickens these losses could be largely avoided by well-defined management practices and good stockmanship," authorities said. "An all-out campaign against avian tuberculosis now would pay great dividends in livestock health and in increased income for the farmer."

**PROPERTY DAMAGE AS RESULT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INCREASES**

North Carolina traffic accidents last year involving property damage only totaled 16,450. The sixteen senior private institutions showed a nine per cent increase ac-

### Business Population Up 180% In Half Century

The business population has shown a greater rate of growth than the number of people in the United States over the last half century, a significant commentary on the extent of opportunity available to the average man under our economic system.

At the turn of the century, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce, there were about one and one-half million nonfarm businesses in operation in this country, the equivalent of approximately 21 firms for each 1,000 persons. As of last June, the number of businesses in operation had grown to a new high above 4.2 million, or 28 firms per 1,000 of the population.

With all the ups and downs of the economy over the last two decades, the number of business firms has increased by 39 per cent since 1929 alone as compared with a 31 per cent increase in the population.



### MORE Milk From FEWER Cows!

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### Local Beta Group Attends Convention

Thirty members of the Perquimans High School Beta Club, accompanied by Miss Frances Newby, represented the local school at the Northeastern District Beta Convention held in Ahsokie on Wednesday, March 10.

Officers of the convention were Dickie Newsome of Ahsokie, president; Marjorie Webb of Edenton, vice president, and Sanna Thompson of Windsor, secretary. During the morning session invocation was given by the Rev. W. P. Milne, following which reports were made by various club secretaries and nominations were received for new officers. An address by Dr. Boylston Green, N. C. Beta Field Director, closed the session.

Lunch was served in the Ahsokie gym for the attending delegates.

During the afternoon session the Edenton Club conducted a forum, followed by speeches by the club candidates. Daryl Allen of Perquimans was a candidate for president.

Carlisle Windley of Pantego was chosen as new president of the organization and Richard Odum of Ahsokie was named vice president.

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