

N. C. School For Deaf Opened August 24

North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton opened August 24 with a new superintendent for the first time in 15 years. He is Charles L. (Rance) Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Henderson of Kings Mountain. Mrs. Henderson, also a Kings Mountain native is the daughter of Mrs. I. W. Ledford and the late Mr. Ledford and is a member of the faculty.

Mr. Henderson succeeds Dr. Ben E. Hoffmeyer, who had resigned to become headmaster of the American School for the Deaf, West Hartford, Conn. Henderson went to Morganton after two years as director of

the Western Suburban Association for the Hearing Handicapped, a regional program for educating deaf children at Wheaton, Ill. near Chicago.

The Hendersons have two children, David 12, and Julie 10, and are presently residing in an apartment on campus while renovation work is being done to the superintendent's residence.

In discussing his coming to NCSD, Henderson said, "Prior to coming here my wife and I had an opportunity to have a great variety of experiences in education of the deaf. These experiences put us into contact with many of the leading educators of the deaf throughout the country."

"Almost invariably when issues, innovations, and quality programs were discussed, some references would be made to the North Carolina School for the Deaf. As a native of North Carolina I felt a great deal of per-

sonal pride in this reference. I didn't realize that I would someday have the opportunity to become a part of such a fine program.

"Becoming Superintendent of NCSD presented an opportunity to be related to such a fine school and also an opportunity to come home to North Carolina. Coming to the school is a very splendid thing for my wife and me."

"Another observation I have made is the openness and friendliness and warmth of the people in Morganton," he noted.

Henderson received his undergraduate degree and master of science degree in education of the deaf from Oregon College of Education. After training he taught and coached at the Oregon State School for the Deaf for three years.

He was then elevated to the position of the high school department and vocational department of the Oregon School. He

Growing Problem For Private Schools, Colleges

BOILING SPRINGS — The growing problem of the overcrowded state schools and the slowly decreasing enrollment in private colleges was given close study by a group of legislative candidates and private and public college officials at Gardner-Webb College. Ten candidates were present along with officials from Gaston College, Belmont Abbey and Gardner-Webb College.

This was one of a series of such meetings being held over the state with officials of private schools who are members of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

In 1958 the breakdown of attendance showed that private and public institutions had an equal percentage of the state's students. Today it is estimated that 65% attend state schools compared to 35% in private schools.

The group discussed the possibility of providing personal grants to students who requested such aid to be used by the student to pay his tuition at a private institution. No figure was suggested or proposed to the group. McBride said that twenty-two states have such legislation today and it is being considered by several others.

It was clearly indicated from

Virgil McBride, executive director of the college group, pointed out several factors which are causing the problem. He held forty-one private colleges in North Carolina charge an average of \$1,075 per year for tuition and fees while fifteen state colleges or universities charge \$180 for the same services and the community colleges charge \$126 per student.

It was pointed out by the college officials that last year there were more than 3000 empty spaces in private colleges while the state schools were overflowing. It was estimated that it would cost the state at least \$28,000,000 to provide space in state colleges or universities for those students now in private colleges. This is an indication of how much it would cost the state to provide teaching facilities for 26,000 students now in private schools.

Open House At N. C. State

Exhibits illustrating the many phases of agriculture, life sciences and forestry will be the focal point of an Open House program at North Carolina State University Saturday, October 10.

The open house is the 12th annual program of the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the School of Forest Resources. High school students, their advisors, parents and teachers from the Tar Heel state's 100 counties are expected to attend.

Exhibits in Reynolds Coliseum will illustrate the programs of school's 23 departments. Visitors study available in the two can see how soils are used to remove impurities from our water supply; look inside the stomach of a steer; watch a demonstration of the process of converting wood to paper; and learn how bacteria are used to produce the food we eat.

The students can also visit with University administrators and faculty members for information on entrance requirements and financial aid. N. C. State students will be available to an-

the private schools that no money should be given directly to the schools, but should be given to the student upon his own personal application and the need for help. He would then use the money to pay his tuition or fees at the school of his choice.

swer questions about campus life and student activities. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Reynolds Coliseum and the exhibits will remain open until 3 p.m. Faculty members will be on hand in various departments of the two schools after registration to answer questions.

The day's program will end with the N. C. State Wolfpack football team meeting East Carolina at Carter Stadium. Tickets for the game at a reduced price will be available for visitors registering during the Open House.

At the end of 1969, more than 104,700,000 motor vehicles were traveling the streets and highways of the United States. More than 86,560,000 were passenger vehicles.

It's A Boy For Bill Stewarts

Mr. and Mrs. William H. (Bill) Stewart, 710 W. Gold street, announce the birth of a son, six pounds, seven ounces, Wednesday, September 16, Kings Mountain hospital.

The baby is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Stewart, L. T. Alexander, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Lou Voight of Gastonia.

The baby's mother is the former Diane Alexander.

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