

# SCHOOLS OPEN WITH RECORD ENROLLMENTS

DICKINSON— Dickinson Schools showed an increase of 127 students over the first day of school a year ago, Dr. O.J. Baker, superintendent said.

A total of 2,934 students were enrolled for the first day of school, compared to 2,807 a year ago on opening day. The enrollment on Wednesday morning had increased to 2,992 students.

Two Dickinson Elementary Schools were desegregated this year with seven Negro pupils enrolled in the two schools. Both schools, previously have been all-white.

All seven of the Negro pupils resided in the school's attendance Area II where the schools are located. An additional 12 Negro pupils who reside in Attendance Area I have made application to transfer to Area II schools in Dickinson.

The Dickinson school board adopted a desegregation plan last month, which allowed transfers between attendance zones and entrance into white elementary schools by Negro children.

Dr. Baker said that the 12 transfers being granted will depend upon whether there is available classroom space.

The attendance in Dickinson schools is expected to pass the 3,000 mark within a few days, the superintendent said.

Dunbar School in Dickinson has been an all-Negro school for several years, and Negro children from surrounding districts, including Clear Creek, have attended that school.