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TRAINING SCHOOL GRADUATION FOR MAY, 1943

The plan to allow high school pupils to enter college before the end of four years high school work was set forth by the American Educational Policies Commission at Washington last year, and has been endorsed by many educational leaders (including prominent university authorities, President Rainey of Texas and others) and has been opposed by many college authorities.

It is largely a plan to hasten the preparation of trained workers for both military and other purposes. Early college means earlier junior standing and earlier specialization for some national service along lines desired by the Man-Power Commission.

Boys entering college at age 16 1/2 now may become College Juniors at the end of the summer of 1944 or earlier, thus aiding their specialized usefulness to the country. If boys can do this, the girls may do likewise, hence our liberal attitude towards both sexes entering college early.

The Training School seniors who have good scholastic records and sufficient units (15) are recommended for this forwarding process, but are not required to accept the permission to enter college. The class will be graduated in May, not now; and those who do not choose to enter college are expected to continue their classes in Training School.

The selection of the highest scholarship record is made at the May graduation. The state law allows to each high school only ONE free tuition scholarship in the state colleges each year. Such award is for the ONE long session beginning in the FALL after graduation. The award may go to a graduate of either January or May or August.

This "enter-college-early" movement is PERMISSIVE only, not directive. We use it as a temporary war-time measure with no reference to future continuation. Pupils who merit and want the opportunity may have it now, those who cannot use it wisely are advised to continue with their high school courses.

Students who choose to enter college should select their courses and pay the fee of \$34.50 on Monday, Feb. 1, or as soon as possible thereafter. Classes will begin Tuesday. Guidance advice about college courses will be furnished at the Training School and College offices.

E. H. Watson 1/29/43