

raging, Strayer has received nationwide renown as an institution dedicated to teaching young men the skills and techniques required for successful careers in business occupations. That the reputation of Strayer is well deserved is attested by the numerous men and women trained here who have made, and are making, their mark on the business world.

This expansion—this improvement of facilities—which you have opened here is evidence of the determination Strayer has to continue the excellent work it has done in this very important field of specialized education. I, myself, had the good fortune to receive instruction in banking and accountancy and to graduate from Sadler's Bryant and Stratton Business College. The instruction I received was of the very highest caliber and the benefits to me were of inestimable value.

Let me express here, as I have expressed elsewhere, my deep gratitude to the institution for the great help it gave me in my career as a businessman and public official.

One of the really staggering tasks your State faces, along with the rest of the nation, is to keep pace with the pressing demands for more educational facilities. The problem is aggravated not only by the rapid growth in population but by changing concepts of education and an advancing technology which lifts job requirements and makes it more difficult for unschooled men and women to find employment. The schooling that sufficed a generation ago is wholly inadequate in these days. Every year that passes, the number of young men and women demanding education beyond the high school level increases, with the result that classrooms in our specialized schools and institutions of higher learning are overcrowded and many qualified students are being turned away. We are told that we may expect a doubling of enrollments on this level of education in the next ten years. This presents a great problem, and at the same time a great challenge.

We are trying to meet this challenge. Since I have been in office, the State's appropriation for higher education has been increased by 31.5 per cent, and on every front we are moving to provide the buildings, the equipment and the teachers to give our youth the education they deserve and must have. Most fortunately, we do not face this problem unaided. I do not think it an exaggeration to say that our situation would be unendurable without help.

In Maryland we have numerous independent, private institutions which are as eager as is the State to meet the educational demands of our times. Strayer College is a splendid example of the independent