

But they do come from very low-income families. We feel that these people need more than just training. I would hope that we would never reach the place in our Nation that we just train people to do one certain thing. It should be broader than that, if they are going to be citizens of the Nation, in the future.

The thing that concerns me more than anything else about our school is the fact that while we have approximately 500 enrolled, year in and year out, we have a waiting list of boys and girls wanting to enroll, and we have to deny them enrollment although we are making some progress under the 1963 Vocational Act.

We will get a building within the next year or so that will accommodate some 250 additional students. I don't think anybody is any better acquainted with this, Mr. Chairman, than you are, because you get letters continuously from our people putting pressure on you to try to get them in my school.

Chairman PERKINS. I write a few letters to try and get people in the school, too.

Mr. RAMEY. That is right, but we just simply don't have room to do it. We need at present at least an enlargement of 800, or an enlargement for at least 800 more students.

Now we are talking about this war on poverty. It seems to be the theme of the meeting today. You know, these same people that are trying to get in school, and want to come to school, and some way or somehow can arrange to go to school, whether it is on the work-study program or the student loan, or the borrowing from some neighbor, are the very people that we are denying admittance to the school, and these same people then will come back later on in future years, and will be on some relief program, and they will be paid to go to school.

To me, that just doesn't make good sense. Some way, we need to expand this to take care of the needs of the people that we have today, and fight the battle on poverty before it gets in the shape that many people have gotten into, and admit these people when they want to be admitted.

Many of these people are from what you might say in our area the middle class, which may be wouldn't be the middle class someplace else, but these same people will be relief clients in years to come, and their families will be deprived of the things that we feel that people, any people, should have, if they are not getting an opportunity to further their education.

To me it is the most pitiful thing in the world that boys or girls will try to better themselves by going to school and getting an eighth grade education or a high school education, and then have a road-block placed in front of them: "I can't get into a trade school, simply because they don't have room for me."

Right along with that, there is something that I don't imagine should be brought out here, although I think it should be in the record some place, and this is this dormitory business. We have a boys' dormitory where we house approximately a hundred students. We can do that very inexpensively to the school, and to the student. But we don't have any dormitory facilities whatsoever for the girls.

Our boys' facilities should certainly be enlarged, and we certainly should have girls' dormitories, if an area school is going to be an area school.