

that required for graduation from a first grade high school in this state, the State Dental Board is without authority to impose any further general educational requirements upon such applicants by taking the position that a reputable dental college shall only be such college as requires two years of general college work in an arts course prior to admitting students to its dental college. The Dental Board has jurisdiction, however, to consider any pertinent elements bearing upon the professional college itself, such as the number of years required to complete the course and the instruction given.

You also raise the question as to when a present order of your board changing a rule heretofore in effect as to what length of course a dental college shall require before such college shall be regarded as a "reputable dental college" may be effective. If, for instance, you have been examining graduates from a given dental college having a three-year course in dentistry and you should now determine that only colleges having a four-year course shall be regarded as reputable dental colleges, it is my opinion that such an order should not be effective as to students graduating this year or as to students who have already matriculated and who complete their courses within the three-year term. To endeavor to make such an order immediately effective would result in your board exercising a power which, in its effect, would be retrospective and not prospective. Of course, a constitutional question may be raised as to the validity of such attempted action, but it is unnecessary to here consider the constitutional effect thereof, since in my opinion any such attempted action would at least constitute an abuse of the discretion vested in your board by the legislature.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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3344.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 19, 1931.

HON. O. W. MERRELL, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

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3345.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF LYNCHBURG, HIGHLAND COUNTY, OHIO—\$17,475.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 20, 1931.

*Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.*

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3346.

APPROVAL, CORRECTED ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF ELMER C. DUNNICK, EDWARD DUNNICK, J. FRANK DUNNICK AND ELSIE D. TAWSE IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 22, 1931.

HON. CARL E. STEEB, *Business Manager, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—There has been submitted for my examination and approval a