

Toward the end of each section, and beyond the time when replacements can be made, school enrollment dips below this level and, as a result, income is reduced. Also, when a student is absent and his weekly subsistence allowance is reduced, his payments to the corporation are reduced proportionately despite the fact that the expense of operation continues.

This less-than-need income does two things to the program: (1) the fund operates at a loss with no alternate methods of recovery available, and (2) there are no funds available to provide services still needed nor to improve and expand those now being provided.

The maximum capacity at Mahoning Valley Vocational School is approximately 485 with an average enrollment during the year of approximately 425 and a yearly total of approximately 900. These 400 plus trainees, referred from all over the State of Ohio, are being trained in one of 14 different vocational areas. The courses are either 6 months, 7 months, or 11 months in length, depending upon the complexity of the particular vocational area. The job placement rate of the graduates at the present time is approximately 80 percent. Thus, this school is an instrument of positive action in Ohio's campaign to provide a new opportunity for its male youth, to provide job skills and better employment opportunities, and to encourage a wholesome attitude toward society and life in general.

There are many statistics on the cost of the program that have been kicked around on the cost of Job Corps programs, and the cost of Mahoning Valley Vocational School.

I felt honored, when I came across a brochure by the Office of Economic Opportunity, to find that a whole page is devoted to the Mahoning County Vocational School, even though some of their figures are incorrect.

Mr. QUIE. Can we get you to correct the figures for the record for Mahoning Valley?

Mr. WATSON. The figures are low. Of course, I cannot speak for the cost of the Job Corps, because I am not that familiar with the program.

Mr. QUIE. Let's just correct the Mahoning Valley figures so they are accurate.

Mr. WATSON. The cost indicated for Mahoning Valley Vocational School, I believe, has gone up to \$3,500 this coming year, having been running at a cost of \$2,500 per student, and this, of course, is not for a full year. This is for the length of the program, which could be 6 months or it could be for a 12-month period.

Mr. QUIE. Do you have the costs on a 12-month basis?

Mr. WATSON. We have broken this down into a student-year cost and on a student-year cost we arrived at this figure by getting the total number of students and the total number of days they were there and working it out on a 52-week basis in determining a student-year basis.

We are breaking it down so that it could be compared with other programs. The cost per year includes operating costs, subsistence, training allowance, every cost, capital outlay—remodeling, equipment—\$4,573. This cost is being reduced this year because we have most of our equipment. We are pretty well equipped now and our expenses now are strictly operating expenses.