

Research project

We are currently conducting a research project that entails a thorough follow-up on each graduate or terminated trainee, interviews with employers, families, local school and employment service personnel. The interim report of this research project has given new insights and possible guide lines to be used in future plans for the continuation of Mahoning Valley Vocational School and similar projects. The final research report will be published in July, 1966.

The following evaluations of services are taken from our research files.

- A. Marked attitudinal improvements:
 - 1. Are more courteous.
 - 2. Have greater self-esteem.
 - 3. Show more respect for adults.
 - 4. Have a healthier outlook on employment.
 - 5. Place greater value on education.
- B. Trainee participation in community affairs:
 - 2. Blood donation program—144 pints donated. Scheduled to be first civilian agency in smallpox program; will receive smallpox vaccine on July 27, 1966 and have blood mobile donation on August 24, 1966.
 - 3. Participated in Golden Gloves.
 - 4. Were part of church league basketball and softball competitions.
 - 5. Entered competitive automobile racing team—have won 8 trophies this season.
 - 6. Participate in Armed Forces Day.
- C. Acceptance by Industry (refer to employer comments in next section):
 - 1. Local.
 - 2. Statewide.
- D. Placement: Counting Armed Forces and job placement:
 - 1. 1964: 79½ percent.
 - 2. 1965: 80 percent.
 - 3. 1966: Anticipated 90 percent.
 - 4. Research statistics indicate an overall job placement record of 80 percent (this figure includes graduates now serving in Armed Forces).

Interview comments from employers

Capt. Oliver W. Jones, Senior Chaplain, U.S. Coast Guard Academy.—"It is a pleasure to say that the quality of Larry's work has been outstandingly combined with a pleasant personality and a willing spirit. In April of 1966 he was promoted to the rate of Yeoman, Petty Officer, third class. This promotion was in the shortest time permitted under existing Coast Guard regulations. I have every confidence that he will be qualified and promoted to the next highest rate just as soon as possible.

"It is a pleasure to pass on this report to you and I'm sure it gives a rewarding satisfaction to you and the school you serve."

Personnel Manager, Jennings Manufacturing Co.—"Richard has just recently been put on a welder learner program . . . we find him neat, able to get along with fellow employees, punctual, and work conscientious. It is a pleasure to have hired Richard as a young man, who we believe, has real possibilities."

Service Supervisor, Sky-Chef, Inc.—"In answer to your request on the progress of Phil, he is an excellent worker and has a very good basic knowledge of his job as a food preparer. From my conversation with him and supervising his work, I would say that a fine job was done by your school in introducing him to cooking. If Phil is any indication of the caliber of your graduates, I feel sure more of them would be welcome at Sky-Chef."

Penn Ohio Supply Co., Data Processing Manager.—"In August, 1965, we employed a graduate of your school as a machine operator in the Data Processing Department. Jack was employed by our company because he had received superior training at the Mahoning Valley Vocational School. He has demonstrated that his training has adequately prepared him for profession in Data Processing. He has been of great value and has proven his capabilities in helping us to convert from punch card equipment to 1401 Computer. He has been remarkably efficient and responsible in carrying out these duties. It is therefore with pleasure that I most enthusiastically commend Jack and the Mahoning Valley Vocational School for the outstanding job they are doing in training their men of ability, competency, and talent."

Service Manager, Kempthorne Dodge.—"Andy was a good boy and a good worker. I feel Mahoning Valley Vocational School did a good job in training. Since he was in a training program I feel he had a good knowledge of mechanical work. He worked on used cars, brakes and tune-ups."