

achievement, dropout rate, which indicates 17 percent at Mahoning Valley, and 19 percent for Job Corps.

I do not know how these figures were determined, but our dropout rate is approximately 38 percent, and I don't know if this is any indication of all the figures.

Chairman PERKINS. You are basing this on the first 30 days, the ones that drop out within the first 30 days, from both areas?

Mr. WATSON. Yes.

Chairman PERKINS. That is your comparison?

Mr. WATSON. Yes.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead.

Mr. WATSON. All right, placement, then, 70 percent completion. Of course, I can't speak for placement of Job Corps trainees, or graduates, but our placements are verified to exceeding 80 percent of our graduates.

Back to the program offered at Mahoning Valley, and I will touch on this very briefly, we are now offering 14 different vocational areas, plus basic education, plus pupil personnel services, plus a residential program, and under the residential program, we have, of course, dormitories, food service, recreation program, many student activities, such as campus counsel, public relations, Bible club, choir, art club, community activities, clubmobile program.

Our students have given over 300 pints of blood this year to the local blood bank. Community Chest, \$400 this year. They work with an orphans home, a county orphan home in remodeling the recreation room, and providing a Christmas party.

To hit very quickly as an indication of some of the cooperation we have extended and have received from the community, I guess the thinking of all of the people involved in the Mahoning Valley Vocational School project is it is an excellent project, something that has to be done, and I think on a much larger scale, but at the same time, I think the feeling is that if every school in the country offered adequate vocational training opportunities, there would be no need for such schools as Mahoning Valley Vocational School.

I hope that sometime within the next few years we get to this point of the Vocational Act of 1963 has started this thing going, and I think the progress that has been made in the last year, year and a half, indicates that we are going in the right direction.

The overall results of the Mahoning Valley project, I indicated the placement figure of over 80 percent, and I think probably just as important if not more important would be the attitudinal improvements of the graduates.

Some of the improvements that we have found through personal interviews with graduates, parents, employers, indicate that this group is more courteous, after being involved in the Mahoning Valley Vocational School.

They have a greater self-esteem, pointing again to the experience of its experiencing success. For many of these young fellows, this is the first time in their lives they have ever really experienced success, and another reason for this self-esteem that they are able to develop is the fact that the program is small enough, and interested enough in them that they do feel a part of it.

They are not just one of a mass, as they have been, some of them, **all of their lives.**