

and in math and in science, to be able to be occupationally employed at the end.

And we had to take time to develop those prerequisites.

I will say, however, that we never refuse any person 16 years of age or older, coming into our adult program. If they fail to come up to standards on communications or on math or science, we place them in an adult high school division, and help them to upgrade themselves, and then they move over into the vocational section.

Concurrently, across the Nation, we are working more and more with craft and advisory committees. I have a roster here that shows all of the various craft committees we have, some 60-odd committees that we work with that makes it possible for us to keep close touch with what is going on in business and industry. Not just paper committees.

They meet with us on a schedule three times a year at the very least, and in the case of electronics, we are almost meeting constantly to keep current with the times, but they help us to evaluate not only our course of study, they help us to evaluate the training itself, which is reflected in the end result of placements.

They also recommend instructors, so that we have qualified instructors coming from industry, who have the desirable working experience that is needed, and that goes right on through to where they help us develop higher standards on the type of quality that we have, so all in all, I would say that we have moved well forward in developing quality in our vocational and technical division.

With these craft committees, our placement through their efforts has been increasing over the years, and I think in our regular vocational program, we have better than 90-percent placement in almost any category that I could mention, and I will leave a brochure here that will show you some 300 courses that are available at Lindsay Hopkins and its 13 branch centers.

We maintain a current enrollment, throughout the year, that varies between 19,000 and 21,000 adults that are going to school. That is the county as a whole, and our actual registration showed that 65,000 individuals attended school at the Lindsay Hopkins and the 13 branch centers last year, so I think that that does indicate that the people in Dade County appreciate what we are trying to do, and they are upgrading themselves, and of course becoming more employable, or upgrading themselves to a better or higher job.

One-third of this group are adults going in a high school program. They are now either working for a high school diploma or working just to take additional courses for their own interest.

I would like to stop now and refer to an emergency training program that happened in Dade County several years ago, and we are taking about emergency programs here today.

That has to do with the Cuban refugees that came into Miami and Dade County many years back. I had the pleasure of working out a plan with out of the Washington officials as to how we could go about financing this training for the Cuban refugees.

I have had some experience with the redtape involved in MDTA, or in manpower training, and I have been studying a way to go back to a similar program that we had during World War II, where we paid them by the hour.