# A Survey Of The Vocational Status of Moore High School Graduates ,Waco, Texas 

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OF
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## PART I - INTRODUCTION SCOPE

This composition constitutes a report and opinions of findings secured from a Vocational status Survey mals among eighty-six graduetes of A. J. Moore High School, Tirgt and Glay Streets, waco, Taxas. Because of the nature of this survey, only those graduates were interviewed who have not sttended college sinoe graduation, or who have attended and have stopped. The period covered was 1932 - 1935, inclusively. There were 192 gradustes from Noore High School during this period. out of this number only 86 were interviewed. The other 106 were elther In college or could not be interviewed.

## PTRPOSE

The chief purpose of this survey is; to seaure data pointing definitely to the present Voeational Status of the Moore High School graduates over this period of time $1952-1935$ inclusively, to determine just how muoh these graduates have been eided by their high school education, and to determine whet courses taken in high school have been of most value to them in securing and keeping exployment. It is further hoped that the information secured will prove veluable to interested persons concerning what courges should be stressed most and at
the same time what courses should be modified.

## MEMFOD UF SECURIIG DATA

The method employed in securing this data was the questionnaire-interview method; that is, each person was interviewed individually and was allowed to f111 out a questionnaire unsided except for explanation of questions. All the data were collested in the most objective manner possible.

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## PART II - BODY

## DISTRIBUTION OF 86 GRADUATES AGCORDING TO PTERSONAL INFORMATION

This survey considered 86 graduates of Moore High School, of which 27 or $31 \%$ were males and 59 or $69 \%$ were females. It was shown that almost all of the graduates fell in an age range of 17 to 23 years, consult Table I, for detailed information regarding the distribution of 86 graduates according to age.

## "ABL思 I



It was further shown that of the 86 graduates interviewed 27 or $31 \%$ were born in the rurals and that

59 or $69 \%$ were born in the city.
It was shown also that of the 86 graduates interviewed an average of 61 or $70.9 \%$ had sisters and brothers; of this number an average of 23 or $34.4 \%$ had I sister and I brother. Consult Table II for more detailed information regarding the distribution of 85 graduates according to sisters and brothers.

## TABLTE II

DISTRIBUTION OT 36 GRADUATES ACCORDING TO THE NOMBER OF SISTEPS AND BROTHERS Number Sisters Brothers


NOHE: Read Table II thus: 25 graduates have 1 sister; 23 sreduates have 1. brother; 16 have 2 sisters, and 12 have 2 brothers.

It was further shown that 14 or $16 \%$ had neither sister nor brother. Consult Table ITI for more detailed information for atstribution of 86 graduates

| according to number of sisters and brothers combined. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sisters | Brothers | Total | Number of <br> Graduates | Per cent |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 16.2 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7.1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 11.1 |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 15.1 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 13.2 |
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8.1 |
| 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7.2 |
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 86 | 7.2 |
| 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 6.1 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 5.1 |
| 7 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 1.2 |
| 6 | 6 | 12 | 1 | 1.2 |
| 8 | 7 | 15 | 1 | 1.2 |
|  |  |  |  | 100 |

It was shown that of the 86 graduates interviewed 20 or $23 \%$ were married and 66 or $77 \%$ were not married. Of the 20 married, 8 or $40 \%$ had one ohild and 12 or $60 \%$ had no children. It was shown further that of the 66 not mamried 1 or $1.6 \%$ had one child and 65 or $98.4 \%$ had no children.

Consult Table IV for Information regaraing the
length of tine married.

## TABLTE IV

## DISTRIBUTION OF 20 GRADUATES ACCORDING LENCTH OF TINE MARRTED

Number of months Number of Graduates Per cent

| 3 | 5 | 25 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | 2 | 10 |
| 9 | 0 | 00 |
| 12 | 0 | 00 |
| 24 | 2 | 10 |
| 86 | 7 | 35 |
| 48 | 2 | 10 |
| Not Stated Total | 20 | $\frac{10}{100}$ |

Aecoraing to the survey it was shown that 86 graduates interviewed 73 or $\mathbf{8 4 \%}$ had urban parents and 13 or $16 \%$ had rural parents. It was shown further that 66 or $77 \%$ had fathers living and that 63 or $75 \%$ had mothers living; 23 or $25 \%$ have mothers dead and 20 or $23 \%$ have fathars dead. Still further, of the 86 graduates interviewed 44 or $51 \%$ have mothers and fathers separated, 33 or $38 \%$ have mothers and fathers together and 9 or $11 \%$ have both parents dead.

It was also shown that the parents of 49 or $56 \%$ of the 86 graduates owned homes at the time of graduation and that 37 or $44 \%$ dia not own homes at the
tima of graduation. It was shown still further that the parents of 25 or $29 \%$ of the graduates owned other property and 61 or $71 \%$ did not own other property at the time of graduation. Consult Table V for detalled information regarding kind of other property owned by the parents of 25 graduates.

## TABLIB V

DISTRIBUTION OF PARENTS OF 25 GRADUATES ACCORDZING TO KIND OF OTMER PROPERTY OWNED

Kind of Other Property Number of Graduates Per Cent





B - DISTRTBUTION OF 36 GRADUATES AGCORDING TO COLTEGE ATTENDANGE

According to the survey 41 or $45 \%$ have attended college and 45 or $55 \%$ have not attended college. Consult Table VI(a) for distribution of 41 graduates according to reasons for stopping college.

TABITS VI (a)

## DISTRIBUTION OF 41 GRADUATES AGCORDTVG TO RKASONS FOR STOPPING COLLEGE

| Reasons | Number | Per Cent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lack of | - 28 | - 68.2 |
| To work | - 5 | 12.4 |
| Married | - 3 | -7.3 |
| Illness | - 1 | 2.4 |
| Lack of | - | - 2.4 |
| Not sta |  | 7.3 |
|  | - 41 | 100. |
|  | VI (b) | Plbutioa |
| graduate | reason | attendin |
| lege. |  |  |

## TABLE VI (b)

DISTRIBURION OF A5 ORADUATES ACCORDTNG
TO REASONS POR NOT ATTEND IVY GOLESGE

| Reasons | Wumber | Per Cent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iack of | 38 | 8 |
| Married |  | 4.2 |
| Not stat |  | . 9 |

Consult Table VI (o) for distribution of 86 graduates according to number desiring to extend adueation.

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G - OGGUPATIONAL DISTRTBUTION OF 86 GRADUATES
According to this study it was found that 35 or $40 \%$ of 86 graduates interviewed worked while attending high school and that 51 or $60 \%$ did not wrork while attending high school. For detailed information regarding stability of work done in high school by 35 of the 86 graduates consult Table VII.

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> DISTRIBUMION OF 35 GRADUATES AGCORDING TO STABILITY OF WORX DONE IN HIGH SCHOOL


Consult Table VIII for detailed information regarding distribution of 35 graduates according to kind of work done in high school.

TABIE VIII

# DISTRIBUTION OP 35 CRAMUATES ACCORDING TO KTND OF WORK DONE IN HICH Scmoot 



It was shown that the monthly wage reveived by 35 graduates while working in high school ranged from $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 64.00$ per month. Consult Table IX for distribution of 35 graduetes working in high school aceording to monihly wage reeelved.

## TABLE IX

DISTRIBUTION OT 35 GRADUATES ACCORDING
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IN HIGH SCHOOL
Monthly wage Number Per cent


Consult Table X for alstribution of 35 graduates according to length of time worked while attending high school.

TABLE $X$

## DISTRIBUTION OF 35 GRADUATES ACCORDING <br> TO LENGGTH OF TTME WORKED WBILE AFTENDING HIGE BCHOOL

Number of Months Number of Graduates Per Cent


According to survey 35 or $40 \%$ of the 86 graduates heve held other positions since graduation. Consult Table XI for distribution of gradustes according to length of time after graduation before receiving amployment.

Consult Table X for Alstribution of 35 graduates according to length of time worked while attending high school.

TABLE X
DISTRIBUTION OF 35 GRADUATES ACCORDING
TO LEAVGTH OF TTME WORKED WEILE ARPINDING HIGK BCHOOL

| Number of Months Number of Graduates Per Gent |
| ---: |
| 3 |
| 6 |
| 12 |

Aecoraing to survey 35 or $40 \%$ of the 83 graduates have held other positions since graduation. Consult Table XI for distribution of gradustes according to length of time after graduation before receiving employment.

## TABLE XI

ISTRIBUTION OF GRADUATES ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF TIME AFTER GRADUATION BEFORE RECEIVING EMPLOYMENT
Number of Months Number of Graduates Per Cent

Already Employed ..... 4
employment ..... 54 ..... 41.1
Total ..... 52 ..... 100.

It is probably interesting to note that the largest percentage receiving employment at one time was the group which received work 1 month after graduation. Also that four have continued jobs secured in high school; and that 34 or $38 \%$ had not received employment at the time this study was made.

Consult Table XII for detailed information
regarding distribution of 35 graduates according to other positions held since graduation.

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## DISTRIBUTION OF 35 GRADUATEE ACCORDIMG TO ORHER POSITIONS HELD SIECE GRADJATION



Consult Table XIII for detailed information regserding the distribution of 35 graduates aceraing to length of time other positions held.

## TABLE XIII

## DISIRIBUIION OI 35 GRADUATES ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF TIME OTHER POSITION HRLD

Number of Nonths Number Graduates Per Cent


Consult Table XIV for detailed information regarding the distribution of 35 graduates according to the number that changed other positions.

## TABLE XIV

## DISTRIBUTION OF 35 GRADUATES ACCORDING TO NUMBIR THAT CHANGED OTHER POSITIONS

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Changes Number of Graduates Per Cent
1 ----------------------------------- 48
2---------------------------------- 20.0
3---------------------------------- 5.--- 5
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Total --------------------------100.
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It was shown by this study that there were various reasons for ehanging other positions held. Consult Table XV for detailed information regerding the distribution of 35 graduates according to reasons for changing other positions.

## TABLE XV

## DISTRIBUTION OF 35 GRADUATES ACCORDING TO REASONS FOR GHANGING OTHZR POSITIONS

| Reasons | Number of Graduates Per Cent |
| :---: | :---: |
| Work expired | 10 ------------ 28.6 |
| Slow business | 11.5 |
| Further education | 3 ---------- 2.2 |
| Smployer unable | $3--------2$ |
| Seasonal work | 2 ----------- 5.5 |
| Married | 5.5 |
| Higher wage | 5.5 |
| Work too confining | --- 1 ------------ 3.1 |
| Change of location | --.-- 1 ----------- 3.9 |
| Not stated | 7 -----------21.2 |

It is probably interesting to note that of the 86 interviewed 48 or $56 \%$ are holding positione at present and that 38 or $44 \%$ are out of work at present. It is also interesting to know the wide range of jobs held by the 48 graduates who are now employed.

Consult Table XVI for detailed information regarding the distribution of 48 graduates according to kind of work at present.

## TABLE XVI

## DISTRIBUTION OF 48 GRADUATES ACCORDING TO KINDS OF JOBS HELD AT PRESENT



Consult Table XVII for detalled information regarding the distribution of 48 eraduates that are now mployed according to stability of work.

## TABLE XVII



It is shown still further in this study that the monthly wage of the 48 now working varied from $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 69.00$ per month.

Consult Table XVIII for more detailed information regarding the distribution of 48 graduates according to monthly wage recelved.

## TABLE XVIII

## DISTRIBUTION OF 48 GRADUATES NOW EMPLOYED ACCORDING MONTHLY WAGE



It was shown that of the 48 graduates now employed $\approx$ or $42 \%$ are receiving monthly ages that is affected by experience; 22 or $46 \%$ are receiving monthly wage that is not affected by experience and that 6 or $12 \%$ did not state whether wage was or was not affected by experience.

It was shown further that of the 86 graduates interviewed 18 or $38 \%$ were recelving seleries thet were raised because of service; that 22 or $48 \%$ were receiving salarles that were not raised because of service and that 8 or $16 \%$ did not state whether selary was or was not raised because of service.

Consult Table XIX for detalled information regarding the distribution of 48 graduates according to wage dependencies.

## TABLAB XIX

DISTRIBUTION OF 48 ORADUATES ACCORDING TO WAGE DEPENDENGIES OF PRTESENT SALARIES


D - DISTRIBUTION OF 86 GRADUATES $\triangle C C O R D I N G$ TO $\triangle I D$ RENDERED IN OCCUPARION BY SCHOOL.

It is shown by this study that of the 85 graduates interviewed 19 or $22 . \%$ were aided by the school in receiving employment; 67 or $78 \%$ were not aided by the school.

Consult Table XX for detailed information regarding the distribution of 19 graduates according to jobs school alded in securing.

## TABLE XX

DISTRIBUTION OF 19 GRADUATES ACCORDING TU KIND OF JOB SCHOOL AIDED IN STCCURING
Kind of Work Number of Graduates
Cooking
Clerical work
Maid
Nurse
Funeral Director
Shipping Clerk
Tailor
Lynotypist
Teaching in

It is shown also in this study the distribution of 86 gradustes interviewed according to courses taken in high school that have been of value in jobs held. Consult Table XXI for detalied information regarding the distribution of 86 graduates according to courses taken in high school that have been of value.

## TABLE XXI

## DISTRIBUTION OF $3 S$ GRADUATES ACGORDING TO VALUE OF COURSES TAKEN IN HIGH SGEOOL

Courses Number of Graduates.

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$\mathbb{E}$ - DISTRIBUTION OF 96 GRADUATES ACCORDING TO PARTICIPATION IN COMNUNITY ACTIVITISS

It is shown that of the 86 graduates interviewed 84 or $97 \%$ were engaged in some form of comunity activity and that 2 or $3 \%$ were not engaged in any form or community activity. It was shown from this study that a comparatively large number took part in more than one comunity activity. Consult Table XXII (a) for detailed information regarding the distribution of 86 graduates according to number engaged in community activities.

## TABLE XXII (a)

## DISTRIBUTION OF GRADUATES ACCORDING TO NUMBER RNGAGED IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Conumity Activities Number of Graduates Per Cent


Consult Table XXII (b) for aistribution of 86 graduates regarding the kind of community activities ongaged in.

## TABLE XXII (b)

DISTRIBUTION OF 86 GRADUATES ACCORDING TO KIND OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITY GNGAGED IN Kind of Community Activity Number of Graduates Chureh 34

Social clubs
(

Other elubs
2
Not any
Consult Table XXIII (a) for distribution of 84 graduates regarding positions held in the church.

## TABLE XXIII (a)

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Consult Table XXIII (b) for aistribution of 20 graduates regarding positions held in Social Clubs. TABLE XXIII (b)
DISTRTBUTION OF 20 GRADUATES ACCORDING TO POSITIONS HELD IN SOCIAL CLUBS


Consult Table xXCIII (c) for distribution of 9 graduates recaraing positions held in lodge.

## TABLB XXIII (c)

## DISTRIBUTION OF 9 GRADUATES $\angle C C O R D I N G$ TO POSITIONS HELD IN LODGE

Positions Number of Graduates Per Cent
Bend member
Recorder
President
Social Dlrector
Ordinary member
Total

Consult Table XXIII (d) for alstribution of 5 graduates regarding positions held in other elubs.

## TABLES XXIII (d)

DISTRIBUTION OF 5 GRADUATES ACCORDTING TO POSITIONS HELD IN OTHER CLUBS


## PART III - SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. It was shown in the eurvey that 86 graduates were interviewed of a possible 192. Of the 86 graduates interviewed 27 or $51 \%$ were males and 59 or $69 \%$ were females. The survey covered a period of four years, 1832-1935 inclusively.
2. It was found the 27 or $31 \%$ of the graduates interviewed were born in the rural; while 59 or $65 \%$ were born in the oity. According to the survey an average of 61 or $10.9 \%$ had sisters and brothers; of this number, 23 or $34.4 \%$ had 1 sister and 1 brother.
3. A greater percentage have fathers living then mothers. It was found that 66 or $77 \%$ had fathers living and that 63 or $75 \%$ had mothers living. Over $50 \%$ of fathers and mothers living are separated.
4. It was found the 73 or $84 \%$ of graduates had urban parents and 13 or $16 \%$ had rural parents. The parents of $56 \%$ of the graduates own homes at the time of students' graauation. 5. According to survey $40 \%$ of graduates worked while attending high sohool and $31 \%$ of the number that worked received a monthly wage of $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 9.00$.
5. Financial difficulties constitute the chief reasons given by the graduates for not attending college or stopping college. $88.2 \%$ stopped college for lack of finance while
$86.9 \%$ did not attend due to lack of finance. It was shown that 79 or $22 \%$ of the graduates desire to extend their education.
6. Expiration of work or higher wage constitute the chier reasons given by the graduates interviewed for changing positions.
7. It was further shown that $15.3 \%$ of eraduates gainfully employed received employment in 1 month after graduation. 9. According to the survey 12 or $25 \%$ of the number mployed at present are engaged in domestic service.
8. Finally it was shown that 84 or $97 \%$ of the 86 graduetes interviewed were engaged in some form of community ativity.

## APPENDIX

## HISTORY OT MOORE HIGH SCHOOL

In 1881 by order of the Waco school Board
a four room frame building was erected at the corner of Gley and River Streets, and this, the first public school in Waco for Negroes, became in the course of time Moore High School.

This part of the city at that time was in the very best residential section, and the school was a source of pride to the colored citizens.

From this very modest beginning--a four room, four teacher, the growth of the public school was remarkable; the first graduating class was in 1896 a

## oles of five.

To take care of the increasing number, the school was enlarged by the addition of four more rooms and another wing of four rooms was added. In 1916, the industrial building, a three room frame structure, was built. These additions to the school naturally took up a large part of the playground and the accomodation of the limited amount of space for eight hundred children become á serious problem.

In the spring of 1921, the main building was practically destroyed by fire, and in 1923, the present modern brick building was erected and devoted to the
colored children of Waco. still later in 1931 an annex which provided three classrooms, a large spacious reading room, an amergenay room, and a library, was built on the east side of the main structure.

The building has seventeen classrooms and other features such as exsellent lighting facilities, stean heat, indoor lavatories and a number of other things which go to make it a very modern sohool plant. One feature of special interest is the public adaress system which was installed by the present principal and some of the boys of the school. By the use of this public address system the principal msy at any time listen or speak to the teacher and students in any classroom in the building. "his device is a wonderful asset to the school and aids the prineipal greatly in performing his duty. There are also eight rooms in a frame building on the ground and ample playground space. During this period, 1881-1936, four principals have served the sohool. Prof. A. J. Moore, for whom the school was named, served from the organization until his death in 1905, Prof. J. A. Kirk who served from 1905 to 1925. The late incumbent Prof. B. T. Wilson, who served from 1925 until his death in 1934. Anā Proi. J. J. Wilson, who succeeded his father prof. B. T. Wilson, and who is supposed to be the youngest principal of a high school its
size in Texas, has served since the death of his father in 1934.

At present the sombined enrollment of the gramar and high school is about eleven hundred fifty, while that of the high school is about four hundred seventy. To take care of this number of pupils twentyeight teachers are employed of which twolve are high sohool teachers.

More than a thousand graduates have left its walls, and meny of the graduates are filling places of usefulness and responsibility. The influence of this sohool being felt not only in its inmediate community but throughout Central Texas and wherever its graduates and ox-students live.

