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A synthesis of research studies pertaining to the status projections of rural youth is given in this report. In this context, status projection refers to occupational and educational aspirations and expectations. The three major sections of the report are: (1) an overview of current theory, concepts, and measurements; (2) a comprehensive review of the empirical research studies conducted between 1954 and 1969 presented in table form; and (3) appendices containing bibliographic lists of research reports, literature pertaining to theories relevant to status projection, and published syntheses of research on occupational and/or education projections of rural youth. (TL)

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A SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH ON RURAL YOUTH'S PROJECTIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT: A PROGRESS REPORT*

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INTRODUCTION

Most of you know that over the past several years I have been sporadically working out a grand inductive scheme to locate and codify past research on youth's status projections. As a consequence, my research group at Texas A&M has developed a set of comprehensive bibliographic listings on the subject and have begun to sort these out in selectively structured sets of annotations. This paper represents the start of a third stage of effort, building logically on the sets of annotations we have developed on rural youth toward a comprehensive synthesis of research results.

I have subtitled this presentation, "Progress Report." A thorough codification and synthesis of research findings—including conceptual and methodological evaluations—and the ingegration of evolving empirical generalizations within succeedingly higher levels of abstract theoretical statements will require the efforts of a number of sociologists over a considerable period of time. This overview represents my current position in moving toward this larger goal.

This effort, at best, will provide a stimulus and some direction for a significantly broad effort toward inductive integration. At the very least, the summaries of research findings and the bibliographic listings of relevant literature should provide useful sources of information for other researchers interested in the problem area.

Others have attempted syntheses of research findings about rural youth's aspirations and expectations—the most significant of these I have listed in Appendix D. None of these represent a systematic attempt to integrate all or even most relevant knowledge. They tend to be narrow in scope and/or dated. Why has not more effort been given to this task? Because there is pain involved in trying



to work through the morass of idea-language inconsistencies, implicit assumptions, unreported or unfathomable procedures, and varying modes of variable measurement. It is much easier to be a grand theorist, or an abstract deductive type testing crucial hypotheses, or even a bare-faced empiricist of the operations type than a synthesizer sociologist in this jungle of fuzzy ideas and endlessly variable operations. Yet, I firmly believe that synthesis should have high priority in that it can provide the middle ground to establish solid and systematic theories and give more direction to our research thrusts. Certainly, we have accumulated a mountain of observations in this area.

In orienting myself to the problem at hand, I asked myself what we have accomplished over these several years in reference to theoretical, conceptual, and measurement developments and in respect to the generation of significant empirical generalizations. The remainder of the paper represents my attempts to answer these questions through a largely inductive effort of reviewing all available empirical materials pertaining to the occupational and educational projections of rural youth known to me. Before digging into the mountain of empirical observation I mentioned previously, I intend to briefly overview the current state of our theory, concepts, and measurements.

THEORETICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The strong atheoretical and idiographic tendencies that have been traditionally characteristic of rural sociology are clearly evident in the accumulation of 20 years research on status projections of rural youth. Although a number of theretical statements at various levels of abstraction relevant to aspirations and expectations were developed before and during the accumulation of this substantial body



of research knowledge, few reports of this phenomena involving rural youth have either evolved from or been related to the main stream of sociological or any other kind of theory. As an example, Merton's provocative middle-range theory of "social structure and anomie" contains the idea of aspirations and striving for success as a critical element. Even though this theory was developed prior to the accumulation of most research on status projections of rural youth and was widely discussed and utilized by researchers dealing with urban youth and deviant behavior, it has hardly been mentioned by rural sociologists. The developmental theories of Ginzberg, Roe, and Holland, and the more abstract theories of Parsons have received little attention from rural sociologists. In fact, most cogent theoretical statements on the subject have been very infrequently cited by rural sociologists in reporting research findings. Consequently, I have provided a list of some of these statements in order to hopefully stimulate your interest—see Appendix C.

Obviously there are noteworthy exceptions to this generalization; for instance, note Haller's work on personality attributes, Sewell's efforts on community types and SES, Straus' investigations of family socialization of work roles and attitudes, Slocum's efforts on reference groups and self-image, and Schwarzweller's studies relating values to status projections. Perhaps the most promising effort toward systematic theoretical formulation joined with observation is represented by the current attempts of Sewell and Haller to develop integrative path models to be tested through longitudinal research designs. However, even in these cases the theories utilized consist of propositions at a very low level of abstraction, lacking connections with more inclusive statements at successively higher levels of abstract theory. In conclusion, the large body of research findings on status projections



of rural youth has not by and large been born of theory or successfully related to it. Consequently, this research has contributed very little to the testing and development of abstract theory.

Of course, it can be argued that theory development in and of itself is of little value. This certainly is true of theory that is not established in reference to empirical observation. On the other hand, our research efforts tend to be eclectic and lacking in accumulative efficiency and predictive power as a consequence of our lack of a general, guiding frame of reference. This situation to a large extent accounts for the conceptual ambiguity and imprecision that exist and for the sizeable gaps in our research knowledge pertaining to the dynamics of status projection development and how these phenomena relate to status attainment.

CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

I do not intend to spend much time here reviewing the state of conceptualization involved in the body of research under consideration. This subject has been rather thoroughly discussed in several recent publications and journal articles in <u>Rural Sociology</u>. However, I would like to indicate that in my judgment the problem of conceptual clarification and specification is receiving considerably more attention and conscious effort than was the case several years ago. Research reported over the last few years demonstrates a conscious and deliberate effort to explicitly indicate the dimension or dimensions of projective phenomena being investigated.

Haller and Miller's 1963 bulletin, <u>The Occupational Aspiration Scale: Theory</u>, <u>Structure</u>, and <u>Correlates</u>, which is probably the most thorough and systematic statement on the conceptualization of occupational projections in existence, deserves much of the credit for this happy state. This publication is the most widely quoted



piece of work on youth projections appearing in recent journal articles representing several disciplines and has influenced many toward conceiving of projections as a unidimensional hierarchy of alternatives with "idealistic" and "realistic" polar limits.

While the distinction between projections involving desired ("idealistic") and anticipated ("realistic") status elements is consistently recognized in current efforts, little data has been generated in reference to several other analytically seperable elements that have merit in my opinion: anticipatory goal deflection and strength of orientation (defined as intensity of aspiration and certainty of expectation). Important variations in these phenomena by other important variables have been documented in the tables overviewing research results which are presented later. 10

Several colleagues—Norval Glenn (University of Texas) and Rumaldo Juarez (Texas A&M)—have suggested that our conceptual apparatus regarding status projections needs modification in order to take into consideration intention as well as desire and anticipation. This is a potentially valuable idea and is deserving of consideration by those anticipating new research.

In my opinion, the greatest conceptual lack facing us today lies in our tendency to view particular kinds of status projections (say job aspirations, for instance) as existing separate and apart from others. Although it has been two decades since Merton offered the idea of aspirations existing in more or less integrated sets—which may vary in the types of goals included as well as in the valuation of these goals—that he labeled "aspirational frame of reference", the empirical utility of the idea has never really been put to the test until very recently in investigations by Kuvlesky and Upham and, more adequately, by Pelham. These analyses demonstrate that many youth maintain what appears to be a rationally ordered set of goal levels



across a number of status areas and that youth do valuate the different goals in patterned ways. Undoubtedly more research in this vein is being carried out (see Appendix B) and, since this conception has been incorporated into a broad southern regional effort, "S-61", we will undoubtedly gain more evidence with which to evaluate its utility over the next several years. Certainly one aspect of these projected status sets that needs exploring is to what extent the constituent elements are sequentially perceived and ordered into in a means-ends system. To a limited degree in reference to occupational and educational projections, Sewell and Haller are testing this idea in reference to their path model.

MEASUREMENT

Probably the greatest impediment to effectively synthesizing results in this problem area is the wide variation in observation procedures and measurements used. This is often coupled with the unfortunate tendency for some researchers to offer inadequate descriptions of the stiumuls questions, administration procedures, and measurement categories used. While the problem of adequate reporting could be rather quickly resolved, the problem involving variability of procedures and measures is unresolvable until we can reach some consensus among ourselves on the "best" ways to make observations and measure their results. Again, as was true with conceptualization, the single best discussion of these problems can be found in Haller and Miller's bulletin, The Occupational Aspirations Scale. They provide an excellent statement on the important considerations involved in development of stimulus questions eliciting responses for aspiration and expectation and provide a thorough discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of various response alternative options. 15

The problem of measurement involves at least two major facets, outside of the question regarding mode of contact with the respondent which I don't what to get into here. One aspect involves the question of what is being measured and centers on



the constituent elements making up the stimulus question. One critical dimension of variability occurring in reference to make-up of stimulus questions that has not received enough consideration from researchers is the time range built in for the projection of status attainment. In the past, some researchers have specified short time periods ("after finishing high school"), others have used long time periods ("when you are 40" or "most of your life"), and still others have used questions indefinite in reference to time projected ("What job would you most like to have?").

Obviously these variations in the stimulus probably influence variability in responses.

Another major problem involves the nature and degree of differentiation involved in measuring "levels" of the social rank element involved in occupational or educational statuses projected. A number of alternatives have been used. reference to occupation, one of two alternatives, or some modification of one or the other, is used: NH prestige scores or the Alba Edwards census classification scheme. 17 What is more, the responses are grouped in varying ways from study to study along both scales. Very often in reference to both modes of measurements various dichotomous categories are used to represent "high" and "low" levels: "white collar"-"blue collar", "professional"-"other", or "NH 70 and more" versus "NH less than 70." These intermode and intramode variations in measurement, particularly when not accompanied with more detailed descriptive information, seriously impede the accumulative power of our research efforts. The increasingly widespread use of the Haller and Miller "OAS" instrument points to the possibility of attaining some uniformity in measurement of occupational projection levels. 18 Although I am not satisfied that this instrument serves all of our needs, when used alone, it is certainly the most balanced, sophisticated, and reliable one in existence.



Although education status levels are somewhat easier to measure unambiguously as compared with occupation, important variability exists in our procedures. The vast majority of researchers reporting on levels of educational aspirations and expectations have focused their analysis on dichotomous categories: college (high) and noncollege (low), Tables 3, 4, and 6. Even given this commonality, it is not always possible to determine exactly whether college level refers to some college or college graduation. In addition, this practice, while probably increasing predictive efficiency, overlooks significant social distinctions in levels of mobility both within the college class (level and type of study) and among those projecting less than college level attainments. This lack of meaningful differentiation probably results in reductions of magnitudes of association with theoretically relevant explanatory variables. Obviously, we need to strive for a better method of measurement for educational projection levels than now exists.

Measurement of dimensions other than level of status projection have not been adequately developed. Certainty of expectation has been measured using a set of four or five ranked alternatives in a Likert type scale (Appendix E). Intensity of aspiration has been measured infrequently through a rather cumbersome multiple response, forced-choice scale originally developed by Leonard Reissman and subsequently used in modified forms by others. 21 We have attempted to develop a single simplified instrument that would produce measures of intensity for a number of aspiration areas simultaneously. This scale obtains the respondent's ranking of seven goal types relative to the importance he places upon them (Appendix E). The rank order obtained is useful in establishing a hierarchy of goal valuations, but the measurement is too gross to provide adequate differentiation in reference to intensity of aspiration. More work needs to be put into attempts to develop a high quality, multiple item scale for this dimension that is easily administered.



Another aspect of the status element of projections, specificity, which has been assumed to have substantial theoretical significance because of its hypothesized relationship to "realism" and "maturity," has been recently measured by several researchers. In a recent article, we describe a simple procedure for rank ordering open-end responses on criteria of specification of job types (Appendix E). As far as I know, direct measurement of specificity of educational projections has not been attempted, although it seems quite possible by using criteria of specification going beyond simple level indication (i.e., type and quality of school, program of study, etc.).

John Pelham has made a rather unique contribution recently in adapting a measure of status consistency to aspirational and expectational frames of reference. This movement toward a more inclusive framework is deserving of consideration in future research.



EMPIRICAL FINDINGS

Historical Trends in Research Development

Although the earliest study of rural youth's status projections was one begun in Pennsylvania in 1929, the real impetus for investigating status projections of rural youth probably evolved later as a result of Sewell's 1947 Wisconsin effort. Several years later, Slocum began studying these phenomena in the state of Washington. Very few studies were started prior to 1954. The momentum of research on these phenomena increased dramatically after 1955, probably as a result of a report by Lipset contending that rural youth's low aspirations partly explained their disadvantage in social mobility observed in his Oakland Shortly after this, a North Central regional group began a series of investigations in several mid-western states. Consequently, most of the early findings on the phenomena were limited to this region and Washington, with the notable exception of Kentucky investigations by Youmans and Schwarzweller and a Florida study by Middleton and Grigg. After 1960 interest in the problem area picked up rapidly and spread out across the United States and, by the mid-sixties, extended into the deep South and Canada. Except for the Middleton and Grigg investigation during the mid-fifties and Drabick's work in 63, very little research had been done in the South proper. However, in 1964 a group of researchers (S-61) developed plans for a longitudinal investigation of status projections of youth residing in rural areas of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina, These investigations were begun in 1966 and as can be observed from the citations listed in Appendix B, the early regional imbalance is being ameliorated to some extent. At the same time several major regions of the country are still not well represented in the findings accumulated thus far -- the Southwest and Northeast in particular, Tables 1-16.



Limitations to Broad Generalizations

Because most of the early investigations took place in the Midwest and state of Washington, the existing syntheses and reviews have depended heavily on them and are limited in this respect. However, a number of analyses involving inter-state data are evolving from the S-61 regional project and at least one comprehensive synthesis on occupational projections of Southern rural youth has been developed by Lever in a recent M.S. thesis, Appendix B.

In terms of more specific variables involved in analyses, certain regional emphases or biases appear to exist. While a few variables have been related to status projections very frequently and cover most regions -- place of residence, SES, and IQ (Tables 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12) -- others have not. Investigations involving farm-nonfarm comparisons (Tables 2 and 3), values (Table 13) and those relating projection to attainment (Table 16) are mostly limited to the North, including the border state of Kentucky. On the other hand, investigations including race, (Table 7), parental and teacher encouragement (Table 10), types of school participation (Table 11), and self-image(Table 14), tend not to be done in the Midwest. The only useful studies of how status projections change with age are evolving from S-61 in the South (Table 15) and, the few long-run longitudinal studies relating projections to subsequent attainment (Table 16) have been carried out in a few Northern states. Obviously, these regional biases provide limitations for generalizing to the entire society. What is more, very little research that I am aware of exists on this subject outside of the United States, with the exception of a recent spurt from Canada. Attempts at cross-cultural comparisons should be welcomed as a means of broadening the significance of our work.

Certain other research biases are apparent in the literature and point in directions that future research should take. For instance, almost all studies are limited to children enrolled in school and the vast majority are even more



reports involve only males, extremely few report on females alone. In order to give you some idea of this sex-age bias, I have indicated these characteristics of study populations summarized in <u>Table 4</u>. Almost no information exists on prehigh school and very little on post-high school rural young people. Obviously we need to strive toward increasing the scope of the population we can generalize to—the neglect of the high school dropouts in our studies is particularly painful.

Certain limitations also exist in attempting to generalize across status projection areas. For instance, the associations of parental and teacher encouragement and self-image are rather well investigated relative to educational projections but not in reference to occupational projections, <u>Tables 10 and 14</u>.

One quite obvious observation is that our research or status projections has tended toward redundancy as concerns some variables, such as residence type and IQ, and relatively ignored others, such as anomia, parent-child role relations, expectations of significant others, perception of opportunity, and others.

Another lack that becomes apparent in overviewing is large body of findings accumulated over two decades, is the almost total absence of attempts at historical analysis. Have aspirations and expectation profiles of rural youth or of farm youth changed over these twenty years? Slocum's recent findings appear to indicate that farm youth's projections have risen and most of us assert this. Yet, we have not used the potential that exists for significant analysis of societal change in this regard, particularly in the wealth of accumulated data from the Midwest.



Factors Influencing Status Projections

In <u>Tables 1</u> through <u>14</u> I have attempted to provide synthesis of a number of variables that have been frequently related to occupational and/or educational projections of rural youth. It goes without saying that other factors have not been included here; for instance, peer influence. Also, it is obvious that I am not going to have the time to produce empirical syntheses relative to all those I have listed in the tables provided; however, it is my hope that the presentations of such materials will whet the appetites of others. In this section I plan to focus my attention on residence differences and justly briefly overview the several other variables presented. But before doing this, I would like to make two critical observations about the general nature of the research summarized in these tables.

First, all too many—in fact—the vast majority of research results presented here were in the form of simple two variable associations or cross—tabulations. Consequently, a large number of variables are found to be consistently related to projection levels in terms of relatively low order association. Secondly, not enough attention is given to providing specific measures of association or degree of relationship—making it extremely difficult to integrate findings beyond simple determination of direction. In conclusion, it appears to me that we need more multivariate analysis providing standardized measures of association. And, in conjunction with this, we need some standardization of measurement criteria. Much of the incompatability of findings, particularly in reference to dramatic differences in magnitude of association between or among any given set of variables, is probably due to variability in measurement. Some prospects for testing this assertion are obvious in results summarized in Tables 5, 6, and 7.



Place of Residence

Most of the research on status projections of rural youth was stimulated by the assumptions that these phenomena importantly influence social mobility and that rural youth, particularly farm youth, have low level aspirations and expectations. As a consequence, place of residence is one of the variables most frequently investigated relative to status projections.

Accumulated findings on rural-urban comparisons of youth projections are summarized in Table 1. The findings indicate that urban youth have generally higher levels of aspirations and expectations than rural youth. However, in many cases the differences observed were not great, particularly for females and Southern Negroes. In addition, analyses including controls for intelligence and SES indicate that residence differences either diminish or, as is usually the case for girls, disappear entirely.

In a paper presented several years ago, that has been largely ignored by my rural sociology colleagues, I attacked the widely held assertion that rural youth have low aspirations. It was, and still is, my contention that rural-urban differences in occupational projections were largely a research artifact resulting from judgments involved in measurement devices and interpretation of statistical test values. By restructuring sets of data from a number of widely dispersed studies, I demonstrated that when farming is viewed as a high level goal, significant rural-urban differences vanish. Sewell, has suggested as much in observing that much of the rural-urban differences observed is probably accountable to by farm boys disproportionately selecting farming as a desired or expected occupation. 25

Unfortunately most of the studies making farm-nonfarm comparisons of status projections among <u>rural</u> youth are somewhat dated, <u>Table 2</u>. The same is true for the larger group of efforts comparing farm youth with all others (rural and urban)



Table 3. The findings generally show that farm boys have lower level projections than nonfarm boys but that these differences are often not observable for girls. However, recent evidence from a Washington study by Slocum (Table 2, EB-1) and our Texas findings (Appendix E) indicate that this situation has probably changed in reference to education. I think this change can be attributed to the fact that most farm youth have realistically adjusted to the lack of opportunity in farming and no longer orient themselves toward farming as a career-several recent studies in the South indicate that very few rural youth desire or expect to farm. 27

Evidence summarized in Table 4 (EA-1 through EA-5) from dated research in the Midwest strongly supports the contention that plans to farm are negatively related to plans for college. I propose that this relationship probably does not apply today, in the Midwest or any other region. The few rural youth intending to farm today are most likely those from relatively affluent families that have appreciation for the prestige factor involved in college education and perceive the utility of advanced training for agricultural pursuits. This proposition is congruent with Kaldor and his colleagues observations from a 1959 study and certainly deserves testing in future research.

Other Variables

SES and Race. Findings summarized on the relationship of SES to occupational status projections of rural youth in Table 5 generally demonstrate a positive association. Although there appears to be some difference in strength of relationship observed, most studies indicate a low order association, particularly for girls and Negroes. With the exception of a study involving expectations by Kaldor, the evidence indicates either no relationship or a weak one between desires to farm and SES (A-4, A-3, A-2, A-5). Findings on the relationship observed between SES and educational status projections are similar, with the exception that a great deal more variability



appears in the observation of strength of association and less difference was observed in this respect between the sexes, <u>Table 6</u>. Studies including place of residence as a control tend to indicate that SES is more strongly associated with projection levels than type of residence.

Race, of course, is an important stratification variable and in the South maybe more important than objectively determined SES. As a consequence, all of the studies located examining racial differences on status projections were done in the South, for the most part since the middle sixties, Table 7. Findings indicate that the association between race and projections tends to be weak-several studies indicate that it disappears when SES and residence are controlled. Of particular significance, the nature of the relationship established between race and projection levels varies consistently by type of status-Negroes have higher educational projections but lower educational projections than whites. In passing, a recent tri-ethnic comparison of Texas youth indicate that Mexican American youth tend to have lower occupational and educational projections in comparison with Negro and white counterparts. 29

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However, again, half of these studies involve only boys. Several contradictions in reference to educational projections raise questions about the general validity of the statement made above. The evidence from a few studies indicate that there may be farm-nonfarm and Negro-white differences in the nature and magnitude of these relationships.



Encouragement. Relatively few studies, mostly located in the West and Canada, have examined relationships between parental and teacher encouragement and educational projections -- none were locally in reference to occupational projections, The findings were limital almost entirely to aspirations and appear to indicate a positive relationship. Although these studies show that one or both parents seem to more influential than other persons, Slocum has observed in a recent study that peer influences appear to be gaining in significance. 30 School Participation. Most of the studies relating school participation to status projections of youth have focused on attendance and participation in extra-curricular activities, indicating that these factors are positively related to level of aspiration and/or expectation. A few studies have shown that vocational training appears to have a moderately negative association with level of occupational aspiration and expectation and plans for college. 31 Intelligence. The association of intelligence to status projections has been widely studied, Table 12. These studies are largely limited to expectation and indicate a moderate to strong association was observed.

<u>Values</u>. The findings on values and status projections indicate that a number of job values (non-status aspects of occupations) appear to be significantly related to level of aspiration and expectation and, in particular, to farm-nonfarm desires and plans. The relationship of level of projection to preferences for service to society, mental work, association with people, opportunity to be a boss, appear to be positive; whereas, association between projections and values for hard work, security, manipulating things, and familism are negative.

Self-Image. The summary of research relating self-images to educational projections included in <u>Table 14</u> indicates that most of this work has been centered in the West and in Canada and has been restricted to educational projections.



Whatever type of self-image was examined, a positive relationship with educational expectations (usually college plans) and aspirations was observed.

Longitudinal Studies

Perhaps the greatest overall short-coming of our research on status projections of rural youth has been our failure to examine the dynamics of status projection formation and the linkage of status projections with status mobility. Considering that we have been researching status projections for over twenty years, the relatively small amount of knowledge that we have on these subjects is surprising.

Dynamics of Status Projections

Perhaps the greatest gap in our empirical knowledge about aspirations and expectations of rural youth revolves around their dynamic properties—how and why they change with increasing age. As has been pointed out before, most of our research has been done on 11th and 12th graders and very little attention has been given to pre-high school or post-high school youth. Moreover, the only empirical information we have on these dynamics from longitudinal studies are provided by several unpublished 1969 reports evolving from the S-61 project, Table 15.

An examination of aggregate profiles of youth of different ages, or of aggregate profiles of the same youth at two different points in time, during late adolescence, will show little variation. This has led some researchers to conclude that aspirations and expectations are relatively stable over the high school years. 32 However, the evidence evolving out of the S-61 project indicates that only about half of a sample of Alabama youth maintain consistent occupational projections over a two year period of time (sophomore-senior). Similarly, evidence from a Texas study indicates that about two-thirds of the respondents involved maintained consistency in educational projections over the same period (Appendix E, Tables 3 and 1). What is more, in both cases the changes over time



were about equally divided between those deflected toward higher levels and those deflected toward lower levels. In fact, the Texas data on educational projections appear to indicate that the vast majority of youth holding low level aspirations and expectations in 1966 changed these upward in 1968. The findings of the Alabama and Texas investigations seem to bring into question the phase theory of status projections development offered originally by Ginzberg and his associates and passed on to rural sociologists by Burchinal and his colleagues. The recent findings would indicate that youth do not become more realistic in their aspirations and expectations through high school; conversely, many of them become less realistic. Obviously, we could do with a great deal more theoretically inspired research on this subject.

Projections and Attainment

I do not intend to say more than a few words here about the demonstrated relationship existing between status projections and attainment. Most of you are familiar with the spurt of recent reports on the subject appearing in Rural Sociology, and, I am at present developing a thorough statement on this subject in another paper. However, several observations gleaned from my overview of the literature should be mentioned, Table 16. First of all, there are all too few studies reporting on this relationship to generalize broadly. Yet, two general observations seem to be supported by the evidence that exists: (1) that qualitative and level differences of occupational aspirations are related to the degree with which aspirations are fulfilled in attainment and (2) that educational projections are more highly associated than occupational ones with both occupational and educational attainment.

If we are ever really going to try and understand social mobility, in the sense of explaining it, we will have to give proportionately much more attention to the types of longitudinally designed studies cited in <u>Table 9</u>. The Wisconsin group appears to be pointing the way in their recent path model analyses. 34



FOOTNOTES

- 1. Texas A&M University, Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, Departmental Information Reports 67-10, 67-11, and 67-12 and Departmental Technical Reports 66-3, 67-2, and 68-3.
- 2. See citations of Haller's reports given in Appendix A.
- 3. See citations of Sewell's reports given in Appendix A and Appendix B.
- 4. See citations of Straus's reports given in Appendix A.
- 5. See citations of Slocum's reports given in Appendix A and Appendix D.
- 6. See citations of Schwarzweller's reports given in Appendix A.
- 7. See Appendix B-Part B, No. 13.
- 8. Although Ginzberg's developmental theory, postulating stages of more realistic choice through adolescence, has been in existence for almost two decades and was described in a widely read North Central Regional Publication authored by Burchinal, Haller, and Taves in 1962 (Appendix D), no empirical evidence has been generated to evaluate the theory by rural sociologists until several unpublish d reported evolved this year (see Table 15). This is surprising in light of the fact that two large scale longitudinal studies starting in 1947 (see Table 16) have been reported on numerous times.
- 9. See Kuvlesky and Bealer, "A Clarification of the Concept 'Occupational Choice,'" 31 (September, 1966) and Haller, "On the Concept of Aspiration," 35 (December, 1968).
- 10. See Table 7.
- 11. In a recent M.S. thesis Juarez presents a modification of the Kuvlesky and Bealer scheme (op. cit.) interjecting the intention element, Appendix B-Part A, No. 3.
- 12. Appendix B-Part A, No. 30.
- 13. Appendix B-Part B, No. 13.
- 14. See critiques provided in the two sets of annotations we have developed on rural youth--cited in Appendix A.
- 15. Michigan State University, Agricultural Experiment Station, Technical Bulletin 288, 1963, Chapter 3.
- 16. I am here pointing my finger in passing at possible differences that may be produced by techniques of stimulus presentation. Ellis, for instance, has observed that personal interviews produce more specific responses than mass administered instruments in reference to occupational aspirations. Robert A. Ellis, et al. "Planned and Unplanned Aspects of Occupational Choice By Youth: Toward a Morphology of Occupational Choice." Eugene: The University of Oregon (Mimeo).



- 17. See the research note by Mirande cited in Appendix B, No. 9.
- 18. Several years ago Haller sent me a list of about 30 reports of investigations utilizing the OAS instrument. I am sure the number has increased markedly by now.
- 19. In reference to at least higher SES youth, the distinction between not finishing and finishing four years of college is of great significance and entrance into graduate programs is certainly of some importance.
- 20. Several recent studies indicate that lower class youth, aspire to post high school vocational training in sizeable proportions and more often than upper class youth (Table 6). Our recent Texas study of low-income rural youth indicates that almost all of them, not aspiring to college graduation, desire or expect post high school training or attendance in a junior college.
- 21. Studies utilizing this type of instrument are reviewed in Kuvlesky and Bealer, op. cit.
- 22. See Ellis, op. cit. and Kuvlesky and Jacob, "Specificity of Adolescents Occupational Status Projections: An Empirical Evaluation Based On A Study Of Negro and White Youth", Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society meetings, New Orleans, April, 1969.
- 23. Appendix B-Part A, No. 30.
- 24. "Occupational Aspirations and Expectations of Rural Youth: Some Suggestions for Action Programs." Paper presented at the 1969 Association of Southern Agricultural Workers meetings, Jackson, Miss., February, 1969.
- 25. Cited in Appendix A-Part 1, B-17 (p.37).
- 26. Findings by ethnicity indicate that the aspiration and expectation profiles of farm and nonfarm youth are almost exactly the same. On the other hand, the Mexican American farm youth tended to desire and expect college graduation with less frequency than their nonfarm counterparts. The fact that proportionately more Negro farm youth both desired and anticipated college graduation than nonfarm youth of any ethnic type, should give caution in making gross statements about farm-nonfarm differences in projections. See Tables 1 and 2 in Appendix E.
- 27. Appendix A-Part 1, D-3 and D-10.
- 28. Of course it is possible that the effect of plans to farm on college aspirations could vary by region and in reference to other considerations; however, the determination of such differentials awaits to be researched.
- 29. Appendix B-Part A, No. 13.
- 30. Slocum, Career Choices, p. 217. See Appendix D.



- 31. However, it should be pointed out that several studies indicate that participation in voltional courses during high school are associated in a positive manner with projections for noncollege, post-high school education.
- 32. Evidence that apparently supports the contention that job projections are stable over high school years but may change markedly immediately afterward is provided in results of a 1955-1962 study of males reported by Ralph La Cascio, "Continuity and Discontinuity in Vocational Development," Personnel and Guidance Journal, 46 (September, 1967), pp. 32-36.
- 33. See Ginzberg, et al. (Appendix C) and Burchinal, et al. (Appendix D).



TABLES



SUMMARY TABLES OF RESEARCH FINDINGS ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF OCCUPATIONAL STATUS PROJECTIONS OF RURAL YOUTH TO OTHER VARIABLES

Because of the difficulty in cramming all the relevant information into these tables, letter and other symbols were used in certain cases. The following explanation of the symbols used in particular columns should be helpful in understanding the table and locating sources of information cited.

- (1) Code No.: refers to section identification of report as indicated in Appendix A. The first letter (0 or E) indicates which report the annotation of the study appears in--O (Occupational Status Orientations of Rural Youth, Appendix A-1) and E (Educational Status Projections of Rural Youth, Appendix A-2). This device saves extensive duplication of effort in providing citation.
- (2) Type of Status Projections: A-aspiration level; E-expectation level;

 AD-anticipatory goal deflection; C-certainty of expectation; I-intensity
 of aspiration. In reference to occupational projections, the use of the
 symbols F and NF refer to farm and nonfarm plans. In reference to educational projections, the use of C refers to college plans and the use of
 PHS refers to noncollege post high school projections.
- (3) Relationship: The nature of comparative differences are indicated by sign (> or <) as are associations (+ or -). The strength of the relationship, when known, is indicated in parentheses following the description of the nature of the association.
- (4) Other commonly used symbols such as SES, WC (white collar) or BC (blue collar), R (rural) or U (urban), and F (farm) or NF (nonfarm) are used but should be self-explanatory within the context of their use.





Table 1. Summary of Findings Reported on Rural-Urban Comparisons of Youth Status Projections.

Code No.	Authors of Research	Location and Time	Type of St. Proj.	Relationship of Resid, to Proj.	Controls
A. OCCUPATION	TION				
on-6	Payne	Ga.,53	덛	R < U(-)	en
ή - ΠΟ	Middleton and Grigg	Fla., 54-55	떰	White Boys:R < U	IQ, SES
OD-2	Grigg and Middleton	Fla.,(?)	터	R < U	Sex, IQ, SES; Differences
OD-8	Sewell and Orenstein	Wis.,57	妇	R A U	
00-9 00-3	Siemens Kuvlesky and Ohlendorf	can.,64 Tex.,66	A A, E AD	R < U (-) None	Sex Negro boys
	Cosby (69)	South,66	Ηď	R < U(-) R < U(-)	Race, SES
B. EDUCATION	NOL				
EB-1 EB-22	Berdie Slocum	Minn., 50-51 Wash., 54	(C) E(C)	NM < M(-) R < U(-)	Sex
亚—2	Middleton and Grigg	Fla.,54-55	E(C)	White:R < U Negro:None	Sex, IQ
350-3	Drabick Forcese and Siemens	N.C., 63 Can., 64	E(α) A	NM:OC < T & V College:R < U Noncollege:PHS:R > U	Sex, Race SES
五日-19 52-19	Siemens and Jackson Haller and Wolff	Can.,64-65 Mich57	터 된		Sex · Boys
ED-6	411	Can., 64	A	R < U	IQ, SES: Residence differ- ences do not persist.
五丁一4	Hodgkins and Parr	can.,65	¥	None	SES

Summary of Findings Reported on Farm-Rural Nonfarm Comparisons of Youth's Status Projections. Table 2.

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Summary of Research Reported on Farm-Nonfarm (Rural-Urban) Comparisons of Youth's Status Projections. Table 3.

Code No.	Authors of Research	Location and Time	Type of St. Proj.	Relationship of Resid. to Proj.	Controls
A. OCCUPATION	NOIL	•			
0B-4 0B-12 0B-9	Haller and Sewell Youmans	Wis.,47-48 Mich.,(?) Wash.,54	ਜ ਜ ਜ ਨ	None F < NF(-) Boys: F < NF	Sex
0B-2 0B-10	Burchinal Slocum and Empey	Iowa,57 Wash.,52-54	ਸ਼ ਜ਼ ਨ ,	F < NF None	Males, Farm Plans Females
B. EDUCATION	NOL				•
EB-1 EB-9	Berdie Haller and Sewell	Minn., 50-51 Wis., 47-48	、 田(C) 田(C)	牙人班子人班	Sex IQ:Difference remained
EB-17	Sewell	Wis.,57	E(C)	f < NF	SES, IQ, Sex: Controls reduced differences.
EB-14 EB-12 EB-6	Nam and Cowhig Lindstrom Cramer, et al.	U.S.,59-60 Ill.,62-63 South,63-64	(C) E(C)	F < NF F < NF(-) None	
EB-13	Lionberger, et al.	Mo.,64-65	E(C)	F < NF	.Boys

Summary of Findings Reported on Relationship of Occupational Projections to Educational Projections. Table 4.

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Code No.	Authors of Research	Location and Time	Occup. Proj.	Ed. Proj.	Nature of Relationship	Sex-Grade
EA-1	Haller	Wis.,47-48	E(F)	E(C)		M(17 yrs.)
EA-2	Haller	Mich., 57	压(平)	E(C)	1	M(17 yrs.)
=A-3	Haller and Sewell	Wis.,57	压(平)	E(Import)	None	M-12
EA-4	Kaldor, et al.	Iowa, 59	E(F)	A, E	1	M-12
EB-21	Slocum	Wash.,64-65	A(F)	A,E(C)	None	M-10,11,12
EB-5	Cowhig, et al.	Mich., 58	E(Prof) E(C)) E(C)	+(str.)	M, F-12
EB-11	Lindstrom	Ill.,62-63	Ą	E(C)	+	. M,F,-9,10
0B-5	Lindstrom	111.,62	Ą	E(C)	+	M, F, -11, 12
EC-7	Lindstrom	III.,(?)	A(high) E(C)	(C)	+	M, F, -11, 12
00-10	Robin and Sardo	Col.,(?)	E(WC)	Ħ	+(str.)	M,F,-11,12
*	Slocum (68)	Wash.,64-65	뙤	田	+(s':r.)	M,F,-11,12
*	Pelham (68)	TexGa.,66	A	Ą	+(str.) ·	M-10
*	Asbury (68)	Ky.,(?)	Ą	A, E	+(mod.)	M-8
*	Knapp (69)	TexGa.,68	E(68)	A,E(68)	W:+(str.) N:variable	M-12

* See Appendix B.



Summary of Findings Reported on the Relationship of SES Indicators to Occupational Status Projections of Rural Youth. 5. Table

Code No.	Authors of Research	Location and Time	SES Variable*	Type of St. Proj.	Relationship	Controls
-t- 00 (Straus Kaldor, et al.	Wash.,54 Iowa,59	თ თ ი	A(F) E(F)	+(low) +(str.)	
A 4 1 1 7 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Haller Straus	Mich. 7.	പ് ന വ	A(F) A(F)	None None	Farm Boys Farm Boys
S	Youmans	Mich., (?)	- H	A, E	+	SES stronger than residence
3-10 D-8	Slocum and Empey Sevell and Orenstein	Wash.,52-54 Wis.,57		А , Я	+ +(str.)	Girls(MO***-) I.Q., Sex, Place of
91	Youmans	Ky.,57		Ą	+	דכמונכע
ယ မှာ	Schwarzweller	Ky.,59	1,2,4	A, E	Boys:+ Girls:•	Place of Residence
- 1	Sperry and Kivett	N.C., 59-61.	α	A, E	Boys:+ Girls:-	Place of Residence
0-0 7-7 **	Grigg and Middletor Rhodes Lever(69)	Fla.,54-55 Tenn.,64 South,66-67	러너ન	표 4 A 된	+(str.) + +(wk.)	I.Q.,Size of Place, Sex
* * * *	Cosby(69) Knapp(69)	South, 66-67 TexGa., 68	۲. با و ۱	CC C E	-(wk.) None +(wk) White:+(mod.) Negro:None	Race, Sex. Race, Residence) Residence, State, Boys

^{* 1-}Father's Job, 2-LOL, 3-Family Income, 4-Parent's Education
** See Appendix B
***"Mobility Orientation": Level of aspiration relative to level of father's job.

Summary of Findings Reported on Relationship of SES Indicators to Educational Status Projections of Rural Youth. Table 6.

	y(+ for low		nce			c .	· ω
Controls	Farm Boys Academic Ability(+ for low	Boys Boys	Sex, I.Q., Residence	NM	Sex Sex NM	Sex) Present and	residence. Girls Race, Sex Residence Residence Sex
Relationship	+(wk) None	+ + + + Boys:+	<pre>Girls:None +(str.) University:+</pre>	S H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H	+ +(mod.) + -(wk.)	- College:+(wk. Voc.:- +(str.)	+ + +(str.)
Type of St. Proj.	(C) EE	А Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н Н	E(C)	E(C) A,E(C)	HAAEEC) TE EC) TE EC	с E(С) E(С)	E(C) A A(?) A(C)
SES Indicator*	m m r	н и н н и ч ч, ч, ч	3-4	۵, د 4, د	2 2,3,4 1	88 84,1	ר רו 1,4
Location and Time	Iowa, 59 Minn., 50-51	Mich.,57 Ill.,62-63 Mo.,6455 Col.,60 Ky.,59	Wis.,57 Can.,64	Can., 64-65 Wash., 64-65 Wash., 54	Va., 60-61 Utah, 60 Tenn., 60-61 Mo., 56-60	South,(?) N.C.,59-61 Can.,62	N.C.(?) Can.,64 Can.,65 Can.,64
Authors of Research	Kaldor, et al. Berdie	Haller and Wolff Lindstrom Lionberger, et al. Robin and Sardo Schwarzweller	Sewell Sharp and Kristjanson	Siemans and Jackson Slocum Slocum	Bishop, et.al. Christiansen, et.al. Jeffrey Lowe	Southern Committee Sperry and Kivett Boyle	Drabick Frocese and Siemens Hodgkins and Parr Siemens
Code No.	A-4 B-7	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	3-17 B-18	- B - 1.9 - 1.9 - 2.2 - 2.3 - 3.3 -	1 4 9 7 7 9 1 4 9 10 10	G-12 G-13 D-1	0-1-0 0-4-0 0-6-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-

* 1-Father's Job, 2-LOL, 3-Family Income, 4-Parent's Education.



Summary of Findings Reported on Relationship of Race to Status Projections of Rural Youth. Table 7.

Code No.	Authors of Research	Location and Time	Type of St.Proj.	Relationship	Controls
A. OCCUI	OCCUPATION				
ED-5	Middleton and Grigg	Fla.,54-55	臼	Boys: None	SES, I. Q., Residence
0C-9 EC-14	Nunalee and Drabick Youmans, et.al.	N.C., 63 Fla., 62	A,D	Girls: N <w(-) N<w(-) Boys: N<w(-)< td=""><td>Sex:dif.>for girls Rural</td></w(-)<></w(-) </w(-) 	Sex:dif.>for girls Rural
*	Kuvlesky and Upham	Tex.,66	ЧH	Girls: N>W(-) N <w(-) N<w(-)< td=""><td>Rural Boys. Occup. valued-than ed. but+</td></w(-)<></w(-) 	Rural Boys. Occup. valued-than ed. but+
*	Ameen(68)	Tex.,66	Ą	None	than income and residence Rural boys
*	Cosby(69)	South,66	E, AD	N < W(-) $N < W(mod.)$	
* * :	Vanlandigham(69) Pelham(69)	Miss.,66 South,66	A A	N < W(+) $N < W(-)$	Residence, difs. do not exist. Sex Boys, State (Ga., Tex., Miss.)
*	Lever(69)	South,66-67	A E Boys AD Boys C,I	N <w(-) boys:n<w,girls:n="">W Boys:N>W,Girls:N<w< td=""><td></td></w<></w(-)>	
B. EDUCATION	TION				
EP-6	Cramer, et.al.	South, 63-64	田	College: N <w(-)< td=""><td>SES(decreased difs.),</td></w(-)<>	SES(decreased difs.),
EC-14 ED-2 EG-9	Youmans, et.al. Drabick Oblendorf and Knwlesky	Fla., 62 N.C., 63	된 된 ◆ 면 다	Voc.:N>W None N>W	Sex, Sib. Loc. Sex Sex
\ } *	Kuvlesky and Upham	Tex., 66	, , , , , , , ,	None None None None	Boys Rd. Valued more than job income
*	Pelham(69)	South,66	Ą	N>W(-)	residence.
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^{*} See Appendix B

of Findings Reported on Relationship of Family Size to Status Projections of Rural Youth Summary Table 8.

turel Youth.	Controls		Boys Boys Farm Boys NM			LOL Sex, Race Boys	
sagar irolections of Kurel Youth.	Relationship		None -(wk.)		-1	+(only child) -(wk.) None +(small) +(only child)	
	Type of St. Proj.		A, E E(F) AD		AD	н н н н н н н н н н н н н н н н н н н	
	Location and Time		Mich.,(?) Mich.,57 N.C.,63		Wash.,47	Wash.,57 N.C.,59-61 Va.,60-61 South,63-64 Mo.,64-65	
	Authors of Research	CON	Ycumans Youmans Haller Wunalee and Drabick	A	Landis	Edlefsen and Crowe Sperry and Kivett Bishop, et al. Cramer, et al. Lionberger, et al.	
	Code No.	A. OCCUPATION	0B-12 0D-10 0A-2 0C-9	B. EDUCATION	EB-10	EB-7 EC-13 EC-1 EB-6 EB-13	



Summary of Findings Reported on the Relationship of Sib Position to Status Projections of Rural Youth. Table 9.

Code No.	Authors of Research	Location and Time	Type of St. Proj.	Relationshîp	Controls
A. OCCUPATION		•			
03-12 00-10	Youmans Youmans	Mich.,(?) Mich,(?)	Б, А Е	None None	Boys
B. FIUCATION					
EB-6	Edlefsen and Crowe Cramer, et al.	Wash.,57 South,63-64	E(C) E(C)	for	Sex
EB-13	Lionberger, et al. Asbury	Mo.,64-65 Ky.,(?)	E(C) A, E	- ior megro -(wk.)	Stronger for F than WF boy Boys.

*See Appendix B.



of Findings Reported on Parental and Teacher Encouragement For Educational Projections Summary of Find: of Rural Youth. Table 10.

Code No.	Authors of Research	Location and Time	Source of Encouragement	Type of St.Proj.	Relationship	Controls
ED-6	Siemens	Can.,64	Parent	A(Univ.)	+	Sex, SES, I. Q.
EC-8	Lowe	Mo., 56-60	Parent	A, E(C)	WC:Father most BC:Mother most	MM
EC-2	Christiansen, et al.	Utah,60	Parent, Teacher	A(C)	+	
EB-18	Sharp and Kristjanson	Can.,64	Parent	Ą	University:+ Other PHS:-	
ED-3	Forcese and Siemens	Can.,64	Teacher	А	+	SES
EC-14	Youmans et.al.	Fla.,64	Parent	戶	Mother most	Race, Sex
EC-11	Slocum and Garrett	Wash.,64	Teacher	A,E	ì	Sex

Summary of Findings Reported on Types of School Farticipation Related to Status Projections of Rural Youth. Table 11.

ode No.	Authors of Research	Location and Time	School Variable*	Type of St. Proj.	Relationship
1. OCCUT	OCCUPATION				
00-16 00-2 0B-8 00-5	Youmans Bertrand and Smith Schwarzweller Drabick	Ky.,57 La.,59 Ky.,59 N.C.,63	At. At. X V(ag)	А А, В, В Э.	+ + -(mod.)
B. EDUCATION	TION				
EB-24 EB-16 EG-2 EB-11 EB-18 ED-3 **	Youmans Schwarzweller Christiansen Lindstrom Sharp and Kristjanson Forcese and Siemens Lionberger Slocum (68)	Ky.,57 Ky.,59 Utah,60 Ill.,62-63 Can.,64 Can.,64 Wash.,64-65	AXXXAXXX VXXXXX	E(C) A, E(C) A(C) A(Univ.) A E(C) E(C) E(C)	+ +(mod.) + +(str.) + + -(mod.)

^{*} At-attendance, X-extra curriculas participation, V-vocational training.

^{**} See Appendix 13

Summary of Findings Reported on the Relationship of Intelligence (IQ) to Status Projections of Rural Youth. Table 12.

Location Type of Relationship Controls and Time St. Proj.		Wis., 47-48 E(F-NF) Farm Boys Wash., 54 A(F-NF) None Farm Boys Mich., 57 A(F-NF) F None Farm Boys Iowa, 59 E(F-NF) F NF F	+ Rural Not c +(str.) SES, F Sex		Wis., 47-48 E(C) + IQ more strongly related		ILL., 52-53 E(C) + + (str.) SES, Race, Sex (an., 64 A + (str.) control.	
Research		et al.	Fla.,54- N.C.,63 n Wis.,57		Haller and Sewell . Wis., $^{\!$	et al.	nd Siemens Kristjanson	
Code Authors of No.	A. OCCUPATION	EA-1 OA-4 Straus OA-1 Haller OA-3 Kaldor,	Grigg a Nunalee Sewell	B. EDUCATION	EB-9 Haller		1	•



Summary of Findings Reported on the Relationship of Values to Status Projections of Rural Youth. Table 13.

Code No.	Authors of Research	Location and Time	Values	Type of St. Proj.	Relationship	Controls
A. OCCUPATION	TION					
0A-4 0A-1 0A-3 0A-5	Straus Haller Kaldor, et al. Straus	Wash.,54 Mich.,77 Towa,59 Wis.,59	Work(Things) Change Farm Income Work Ethic	A(F-NF) A(F-NF) E(F-NF) E(F-NF)	で マ マ マ マ マ マ マ マ マ マ マ マ マ マ マ ロ ロ ロ ロ	Boys Boys Synthesis of
00-12	Schwarzweller	N.Y.,58	Job	A, E	+:service, mental -: hard work,	Ilndings. Boys Relationships lower for
00-11	Schwarzweller	Ky . , 59	Multiple	떠	<pre>security +:people, mental, service -:material comfort, service, familism, hard work</pre>	expectations. Cultural area
B. EDUCATION	NCI					
33-24 56-10	Youmans Schwarzweller	Ky.,57 N.Y.,58	Education Job	E(C) Α, E(C)	+ +:service	
03-6	Lindstrom	Ill.,62	Job	E(C)	<pre>-: nara work +:occupational rank, opportunity to be</pre>	
EB-12	Lindstrom	III.,62-63	Job	E(C)	boss +:people -:things	



Summary of Research Reported on the Relationship of Self-Images to Educational Projections of Rural Youth. Table 14.

Code No.	Authors of Research	Location and Time	Self-Image 1 Type St	Type of Re St. Proj.	Relationship	Controls and Remarks
EB-23	Slocum	Wash.,54	Multiple	E(C)	+	Scholarship, Intellectual.
EB-22	Slocum	Wash.,54	Multiple	E(C)	+	Leadership Scholarship, Intellectual.
EB-6	Cramer, et al.	South, 63-64	Social	,		Leadership
EB-2 EB-18	Berdie and Hood Shar <u>p</u> and Kristjanson	Minn.,(?) Can.,64	Sell-conlldence Social Leadership	E(C) E(C) A(Univ. only)	+ + +(low)	Same relationship observed for occu-
ED-3	Forcese and Siemens	. Can., 64	Leadership	A	+	pational aspira- tions. Maintained with
EB-21	Slocum(68)	Wash.,64-65 Wash.,64-65	Academic Scholastic Intellectual	А , Е	+ +(str.)	SES control. Sex,Residence Sex

^{*}See Appendix B.



Table 15. Change in Status Projections of Rural Youth With Age.

Type of St.Proj.	A,E For both aggregate profiles very similar, but only about half maintained congruence-the remainder were about equally split between downward and upward change over the two year period.	E Aggregate profiles almost identical.	A,E similar, but only about two-thirds maintained congruence. Incongruence rates demonstrated a marked negative correlation with level of 1966 projection and most youth with low level projections in 66 changed them upward by 68.
School Grade	10(66)	10(66)	10(66)
Location and Time	Alab.,66-68	TexGa., 66-68	Tex., 66-68
Authors of Research	A. OCCUPATION Thaxton(69)*	Knapp(69)* B. <u>EDUCATION</u>	Kuvlesky**

^{*} See Appendix B.

^{**} Data reported here for the first time: Appendix D, p.16. Nelson Jacob developed the tabulations.



Summary of Findings on the Relationship of Status Projections of Rural Youth to Subsequent Attainment. ERCE 16.

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Authors of Research*	Location and Time	School	St. Proj.	Type of Attain.	Assoc.	Remarks
A, OCCUPATIONAL PROJECTIONS	IONS					
Buck and Bible	Pa.,47-57	10(47)	A(Hig	A(High)Ed.(C)	+(str.)	Males > Females
(Ob-1) Kuvlesky and Bealer RS(Sept.,67)	Pa., 47-57	10(47)	٧	• 00	+(wk.)	Twenty-three percent of males attained job level desired. However, considerable variability existed by type of 47 aspiration; aspirants for unskilled jobs demonstrated most congruence and aspirants for "glamorous" and managerial the least.
Bohlen and Yoesting RS(June, 68)	Iowa, 48-56	12(48)	٩	• •	<pre>Male:+(mod.) Female:+(wk.)</pre>	y-five percent of males a desired. Rate of congruas as bighest level of congru, SES, and other variable t the nature of the relat
Kohout and Rothney \overline{AERJ} (Jan., 64)	Wis.,51-61	12(51)	Ą	• 00	+(wk.)	Only 14 percent demonstrated congruence. Rate of congruence varied by 51 aspira- tion with farm and prof. aspirants having highest congruence.
Portes, Sewell, Haller RS(June, 68)	Wis.,57-64	12(57)	А	• 00	+(mod.)	spiration-attainment congruers varie ith 57 aspiration. Aspirants for blu ollar jobs, professions, and farming ad very high rates.
				Ed.(C)	+(mod.)	Blue collar and farm aspirations almost insures respondent will not attend col- lege.
Sewell, Haller, Portes ASE(Feb., 69)	Wis.,57-64	12(57)	Ą	0c. Ed.	+(.43)+(.53)	SES, mental ability, farm males
*In addition to those li	listed here, see	citations	in Appendix	A as	follows: Anderson	(1.C-1) and Christiansen, et al.(1.C- $^{\mu}$).

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Remarks			Less than a year. Aggregate statistics indicate that same proportion were in college (40%) as expected to be.	Congruence varied by residence: $U(56\%)$, $F(45\%)$, RNF $(34-41\%)$. Girls > Boys. SES+. Similar relationships for other PHS plans.	
Assoc.		+(.38)+(.61)	+	+	
Type of Attain,		Ed.(C) Oc.	Ed.(C)	Ed.(Un.)	
st. Proj.	c	E(C)	闰	桕	·
School		12(57)	12(62)	12(64)	
Location and Time	SNO	Wis.,57-64	Fla.,62	Can., 64-65	
Authors of Research*	B. EDUCATIONAL PROJECTIONS	Sewell, Haller, Portes ASE(Feb., 59)	Youmans, et al.	Siemens and Jackson (EB-19)	

APPENDICES



APPENDIX A

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Educational Aspirations of Texas Rural Youth by Ethnicity and Farm-Nonfarm Residence. Table 1.

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	Farm (N=69)	Nonfarm (N=127)	Farm (N=75)	Nonfarm (N=200)	Farm (N=51)	Nonfarm (N=540)	Farm (N=195)	Nonfarm (N=867)
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Quit school	Н	4	Н	†	0	0	Н	Н
Complete high school	H	α	σ	Φ	25	20	TT	17
High scho. grad. + Voc. trg.	35	34	35	30	33	17	34	21
Junior college grad.	†	9	_	10	4	13	72	11
College grad.	23	ħ2	32	34	16	32	25	31
College grad. + add. studies	35	32	16	15	22	50	54	21
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	-15 001
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Educational Expectations of Texas Rural Youth by Ethnicity and Farm Residence. Table 2.

Fducational Expectation	Negro	ŗo	An	Anglo	Mexican	Mexican American	Total	a1
	Farm (N=69)	Nonfarm (N=127)	Farm (N=76)	Nonfarm (N=199)	Farm (N=51)	Nonfarm (N=541)	Farm (N=196)	Nonfarm (N=867)
Quit school	9	9	Н	a	Ο.	Н	ന	CV
Complete high school	Н	ო	17	14	31	31	15	83
High scho. grad. + Voc. trg.	33	33	36	37	رن	, 16	34	24
Junior college grad.	H	9	0	2	ω	13	9	11
College grad.	28	32	33	37	18	31	27	31
룾 College grad. 🕆 add. studies	30	50	7	0	N LI	8	15	10
POTAT,	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 3. Congruency of Texas Rural Youth's Educational Aspirations from Sophomore to Senior Year (1966-68).

1966	Congruence	of 1966 and 1968 As	spirations
Aspiration	Congruent	Incongruent	N
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High School or Less	31	69	45
High School+ *	61	39 .	155
College Graduate	76	24	228
Total Respondents	66	34	428
No Information		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5

Table 4. Congruency of Texas Rural Youth's Educational Expectations from Sophomore to Senior Year (1966-1968).

1966	Congruenc	e of 1966 and 1968 E	xpectations
Expectation	Congruent	Incongruent	N
	the same and that then then same that the daily date that	Percent	
High school or less	37	63	97
High school + Voc. *	62	38	164
College graduate	78	22	170
Total Respondents	62	38	431
No Information		and the state of t	2

^{*}Post high school vocational training or junior college.



APPENDIX E

Measurement Instruments*

1.	Scale me	asuring d	legree of c er	tainty of ,	job expectat	ion:	
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ANSV	VER:						
(B)		tain are one numb		s is the j	ob you will	have most of y	our life?
	I am:	1	2	3	14	5	
		Very Certain	Certain	Not Very Certain		Very Uncertain	
2.	. Scale producing rank values used to indicate intensity of aspiration associated with particular status goals.						
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		To get a	all the educa	ntion I wan	t.		
		To earn	as much mone	ey as I can	•		
	descriptions and section of the sect	To get	the job I war	nt most.			
	-	To live	in the kind	of place I	like best.		
		To have I want.	the kind of	house, car	, furniture,	and other thi	ngs like this
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So	*These have been used in several states (Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Carolina and Texas) cooperating in "Objective C" of USDA regional research project S-61, "Human Resource Development and Mobility in the Rural South."						



3. Description of scale used to measure specificity of status elements involved in occupational projections.*

Occupational Status Projection Specificity Scale: Description and Examples

Score	Response Category	Example of Responses
1	No Useable Information	no response or don't know
2	Very Vague	helping people, steady job, working in a good place
3 ·	Industry	office work, armed forces, business, ranching, light company
ц .	General Job Category	secretary, teacher, mechanic, nurse, engineer
5	General Job Category + (with location of company)	secretary at Sears, Navy nurse, teacher in Dallas, elementary school teacher
6	Specific Job Title	automobile mechanic, Spanish teacher, electronics technician, psychiatrist, registered nurse
7	Specific Job Title + (with location or company)	mechanical engineer with NASA, jet pilot in the Air Force, bookkeeper of a grocery store

^{*}For a discussion of conceptual clarification of "specificity of occupational choice" and a bibliography of relevant materials, see Kuvlesky and Nelson (69) - Appendix B.



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