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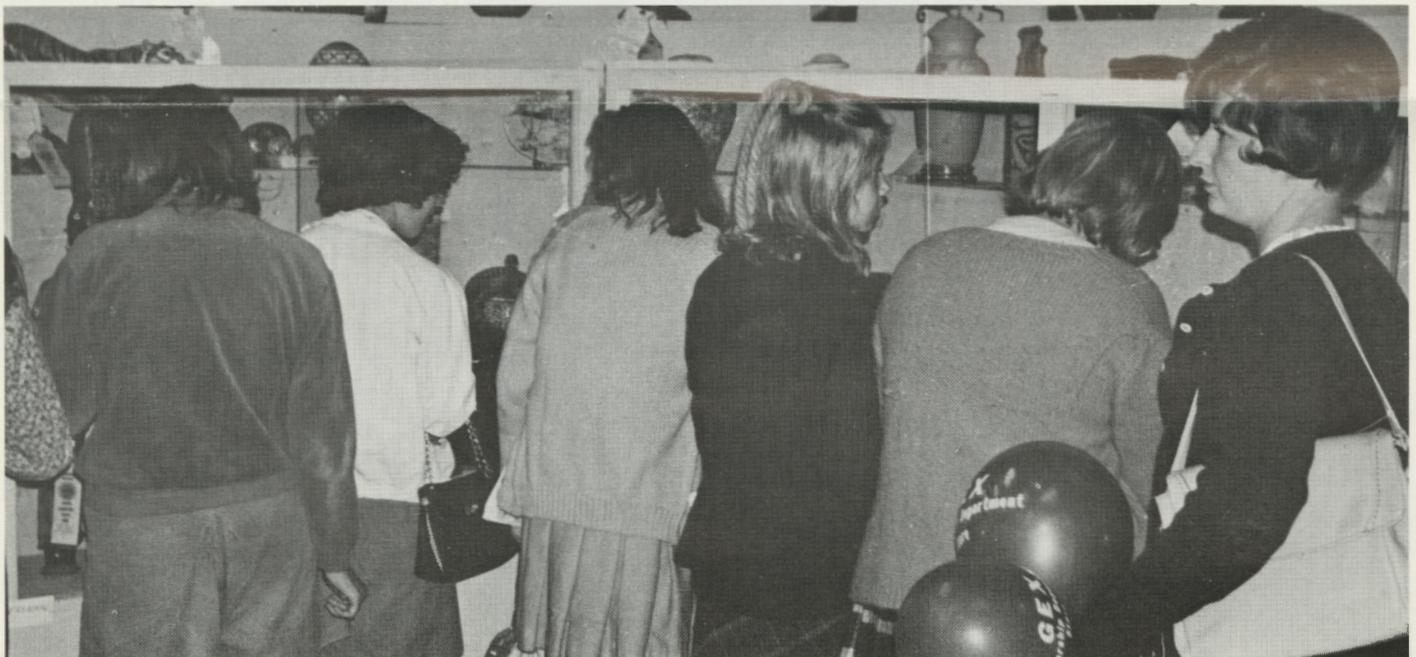
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VR-PS Olympia High Students Guests of State Fair

During the S. C. State Fair Week, the State Fair Association granted free admission to members of the Vocational Rehabilitation - Public School Program at Olympia High.

Some of the exhibits which the students enjoyed were art, homemade goods, farm and automotive equipment, agricultural, and livestock. Special exhibits were also seen such as a cosmetics exhibit where the girls were given personal demonstrations and the hearing aid exhibit where many students were given basic hearing tests. Others received information from some exhibitors regarding the selection and preparation of foods in the home. Each of these experiences will be related to the student's classroom and evaluation facility activities.

In general, the purpose of this activity was to provide exposure to the educational and cultural experiences available.



VR-PS STUDENTS VIEW ART EXHIBITS

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THE MAN BEHIND THE DOOR — Mr. William B. Lever heads up satellite field office at Gaffney.

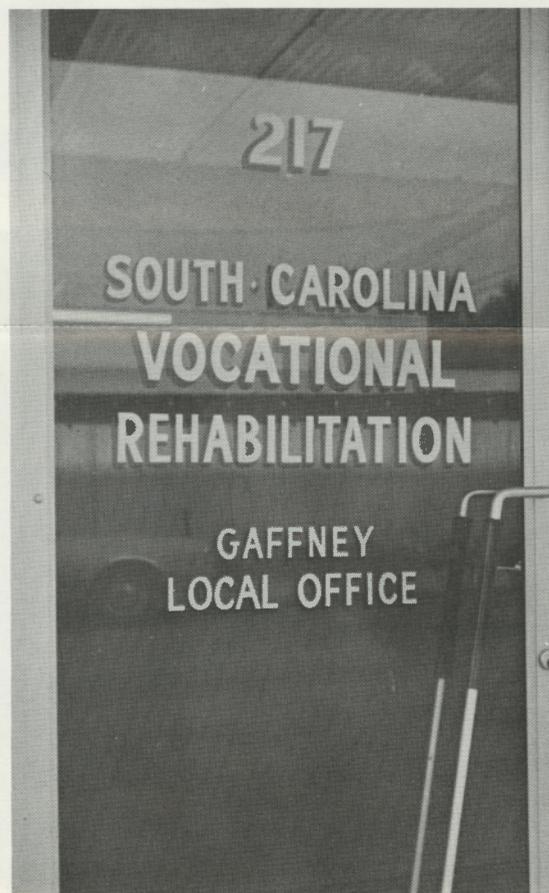
Spartanburg Field Office Opens Satellite Offices In Union, Gaffney

Union County and Cherokee County are now receiving full time counseling services from the Vocational Rehabilitation Department with the opening of satellite offices in Union and Gaffney on November 3.

The Union office will be staffed by Lewis Lancaster, Counselor and Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Secretary. Mr. Lancaster holds the B.S. degree from East Tennessee College and the Master in Education with specialization in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Virginia. The office will be located in the Little Building in Union.

The Gaffney satellite will be staffed by William B. Lever, Counselor and Miss Suzanne McCallister, Secretary. Mr. Lever is a graduate of Furman University. He led the state in number of plans last year and has been a member of the Century Club three of his four years with Vocational Re-

Mr. Lever, already a Century Club member, hopes this door will open other doors for more people.



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Sumter VR-PS Program Expects to Double Case Load

Until this year, the Sumter VR-PS Program involved primarily emotionally and mentally retarded students. Presently, they are taking and processing referrals outside the Special Education classes. These other disability groups are

made up of slow learners, physically handicapped, and behavior and personality problems. By the end of this fiscal year, the program expects a full case load of these disabilities, thereby doubling its present case load.

The Sumter Program started in 1966 with only one counselor to work with the Special Education Students. Since that time, the program has grown to 8 professional staff members and two secretaries. Two facilities on the senior-high level composed of classrooms, evaluation lab, and a workshop were constructed. On the junior-high level, 2 facilities with classrooms and an evaluation lab were made available. At the present time, there are 18 vocational adjustment teacher-evaluators working with the VR-PS staff.

Job samples are provided for the pupil-clients in the evaluation lab and shop. Evaluation for boys is available in areas such as auto mechanics, woodworking, welding, janitorial services, lawn maintenance, leathercraft and others. The girls have evaluation in personal grooming and hygiene, maid services, child care, cooking, sewing, stock clerk, and homemaking to name a few. Evaluation periods are set up on an hourly basis and it is considered that not more than 9 pupil-clients per evaluator can be evaluated properly. Other activities such as bowling and holiday parties are provided for social adjustment.

On the job situations are used for clients who show interest but have no work habits. These situations include such businesses as filling stations, laundry, shoe repair and others.

In view of the district enrollment for '68-'69, there are approximately 1,353 non-white students and approximately 207 white students who qualify for Special Education under the present State Department definition. This gives a total of 1,560, of which about 600 fall in the age group of 13 and above. These pupil-clients would presently qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation services with their major disability as mental retardation. This figure does not include pupil-clients whose major disability is considered physical.

Currently there are 57 classes in Special Education in the Sumter School District. The goal for next year is 80. Approximately one-fourth of this number is in the Vocational Rehabilitation - Special Education Program now and a similar proportion is expected for the coming year.



Counselors, State and Area Supervisors Attend Conference

An in-service training conference for counselors, state and area supervisors of the State Vocational Rehabilitation Department was held in Charleston, November 12 and 13.

Registration for the conference started at noon November 12 at the Francis Marion Hotel. The afternoon program involved discussions on case-load management and the counseling process with the introduction being given by Dr. Dill D. Beckman.

There was a dinner meeting Wednesday night followed by a discussion of rehabilitation trends with J. E. Hammett, Deputy Director of the State Agency, presiding. Topics and speakers included: "Review of the Past and Challenge for the Future," Dr. Beckman; "Inter-agency Cooperation," Joe S. Dusenbury; and "NRA Membership," T. K. Fowler.

Thursday meetings covered discussions of Charleston Area Programs and Area Reports, Techniques in Serving Alcoholic Clients, Facilities and Special Procedures.



Counselors, State and Area Supervisors listen attentively to discussion of Charleston Area Programs and Area Reports.

Dr. Beckman Presides At Annual NRA Meeting

The director of the S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department said in New York November 3 that techniques for treating the disabled are keeping pace with changes in today's society.

Dr. Dill D. Beckman made the remarks while presiding at a meeting of the Delegate Assembly of the National Rehabilitation Association at the annual convention at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Dr. Beckman said a far greater number of clients was rehabilitated last year than ever before, and the total program of rehabilitation services is growing larger and better each year.

"We are reaching out to many people who would not have even been considered for service 10 years ago," the president of the national association said.

He said the association needs to think through and adopt step-by-step procedures on both policy and technical levels. In addition, he called for development of Vocational Rehabilitation as a "bona fide" profession.

Speaking afterward at the Award Banquet, Dr. Beckman urged total commitment by governmental leaders to an all-out program of reducing disability.



Mr. J. Douglass Brooks (left), Spartanburg Area Supervisor, and Mr. Lewis Lancaster, Counselor at the new satellite office in Union discuss case.

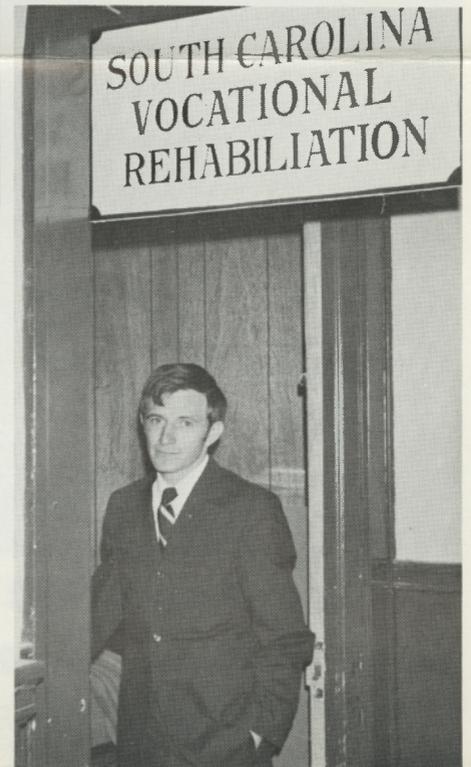
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habilitation. The office will be located at 217 West Robinson Street (in the Carroll Motor Inn Building).

In addition to the services of Mr. Lancaster and Mr. Lever, the offices will have the part time services of several Specialist Counselors such as Trust Fund, Department of Correction and Mental Health. Both offices will be under the supervision of the Spartanburg Local Office, J. Douglass Brooks, Area Supervisor.

Formal dedication of the facilities was held on December 9 from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon in Union and from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. the same day in Gaffney.



Mr. Lancaster opens the door to the new facility in Union.

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