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I shall pass through
this world but once.

If therefore,
there be any kindness
I can show,
or any good thing
I can do,
let me do it now;
let me not defer it
or neglect it,
for I shall not pass
this way again.

New HORIZONS

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A Year To Remember

Thousands of South Carolinians will remember 1968 as the year of their release from the grasp of disability.

For them, 1969 will bring the joy of being self-reliant, self-respecting citizens of their communities.

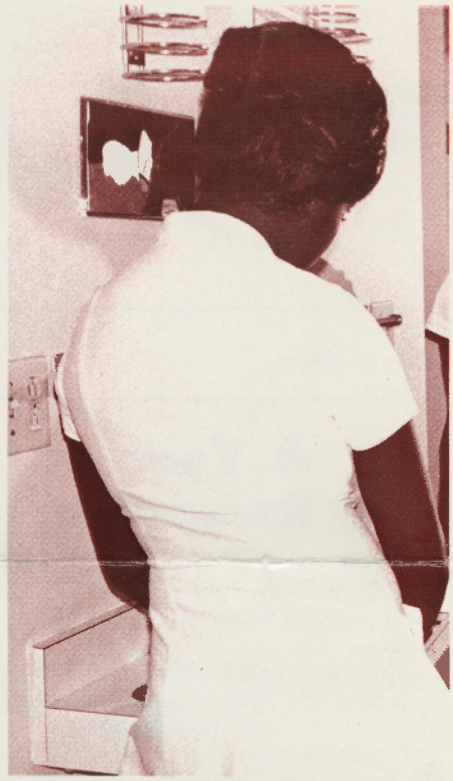
Unemployment no longer stares at them every morning. They have jobs because of the help the S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department gave them to overcome their mental and physical handicaps.

The Department is proud to introduce a few of these men and women to you and to show you why their new year will be better.

AGE had not stopped this long-time Greenwood resident from earning a living for his wife and himself, but cataracts almost did. After referral to the Vocational Rehabilitation Department by a concerned friend, the 81-year-old tailor underwent an operation for removal of the cataracts and is now back at work performing the tedious work that's required of his profession.

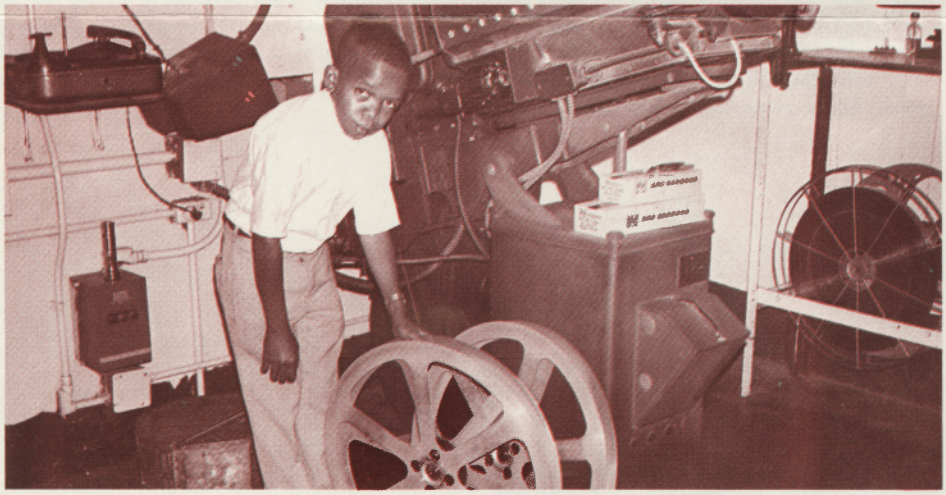
This young woman was helped to get an education by Vocational Rehabilitation Department. She is now an employee of the Department working as a vocational evaluator. Her disability was an orthopedic deformity of the foot.

A PRISON TERM opened the door to employment for this man. Suffering from alcoholism for years, unable to hold a job, the Chesterfield County native heard about Vocational Rehabilitation while in prison and upon his release was referred to a counselor in his home community. He received treatment for alcoholism and was helped to find a job that he was suited for near his home.



MENTAL RETARDATION does not stand in the way of this young motel maid earning a living for herself and her family. The Holiday Inn Motel chain is just one of many businesses who have learned that "handicapped workers do make good workers."

EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES relieved through Vocational Rehabilitation counseling and treatment have enabled this young mother to hold down a job as a telephone solicitor and clerk.



BEING UNDER FIVE FEET TALL might have caused lesser men to hire out as side-show freaks, but not so for this Florence man and his older brother (also less than five feet tall). They both are happy and quite successful as projectionists in two of Florence's popular theatres.

POOR HEALTH and a prison record did not keep this Anderson resident from going to work. When Vocational Rehabilitation learned about this man, his only income was from welfare payments. Vocational Rehabilitation provided services necessary to enable him to go to work earning a living wage. With a decent income from a respectable job, his chances for returning to prison are sharply reduced.

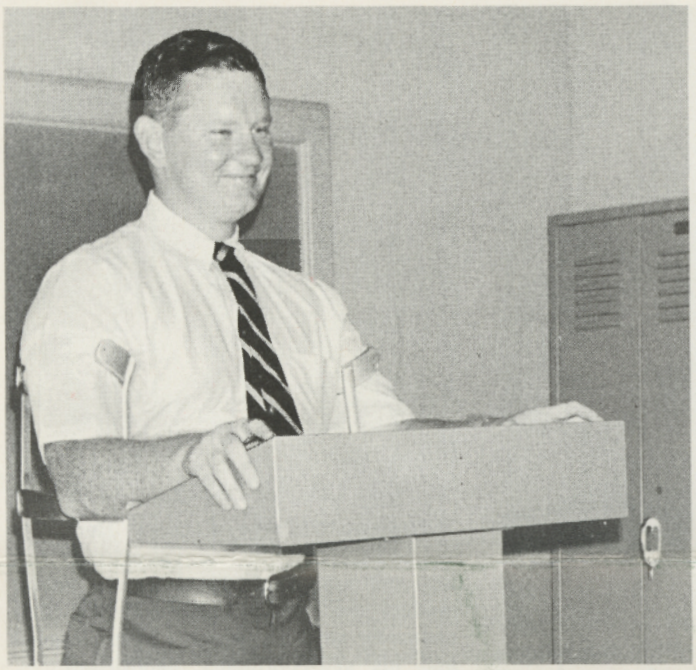
ARTHRITIS prevents this Columbia homemaker from doing many of the things she would like to do, but it hasn't kept her from earning an income. With the assistance of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department, she has set up in her home equipment to do small copying jobs, bookkeeping, and billing for businesses and clubs.

Working for the City of Hartsville seems to agree with this young man who has epilepsy. Since he became a meter reader, his Vocational Rehabilitation counselor says his seizures have lessened and his self-confidence heightened.

House trailers have become a booming business in South Carolina. One person doing his part to see that the supply meets the demand is this young man who doesn't let his orthopedic problems get in his way.

Deaf and unable to speak, this determined woman finished high school at Cedar Spring School for the Deaf. She is shown here in the Sumter Workshop making pasteboard boxes prior to her being hired by a manufacturing company as a seamstress.

This Charleston youth is one of several in his family to be helped through Vocation Rehabilitation services to become a self-reliant, wage-earning citizen. He works as a parking lot attendant making $60 a week.



Besides being an outstanding high school and college student, this Ware Shoals native is excelling in his career as a teacher. Polio is his handicap; but courage, a remarkable sense of humor, and a good education are his assets. And he's making his assets work for him.

May Your New Year, too,
Be Bright and Prosperous!

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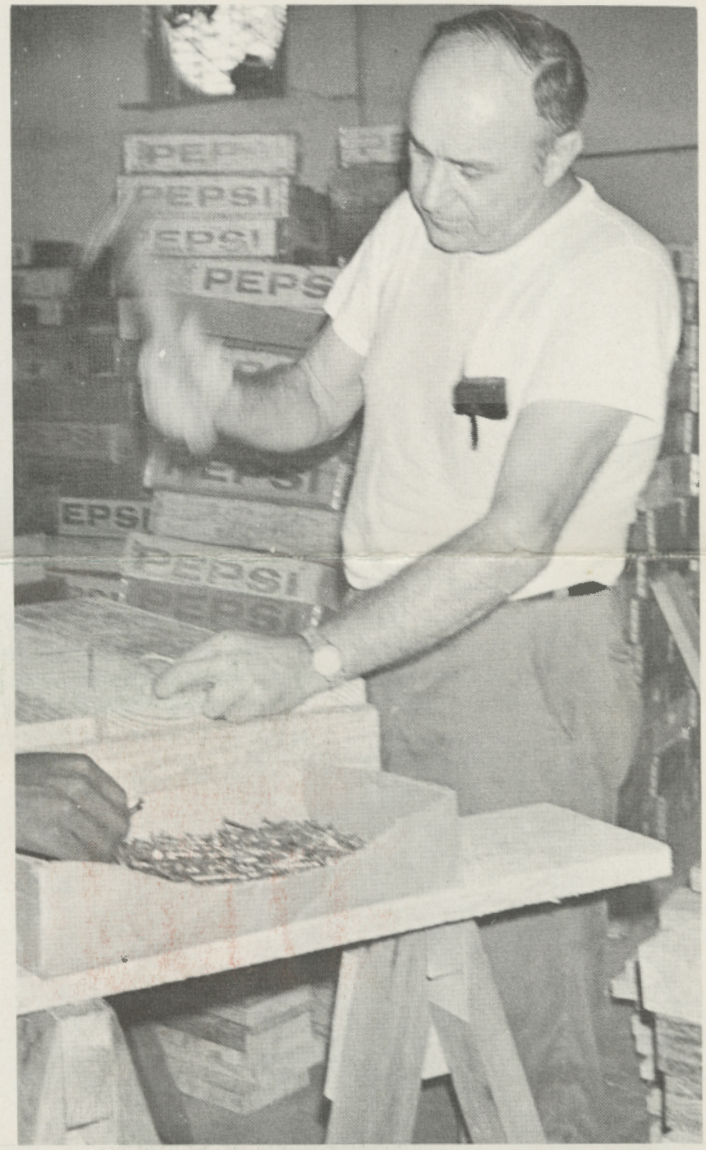

Heart trouble caused this Sumter County man to leave his old job; but he has found new independence as a permanent employee in the Sumter Rehabilitation Workshop. Here his tasks are suited to the abilities he has in spite of his disability.

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