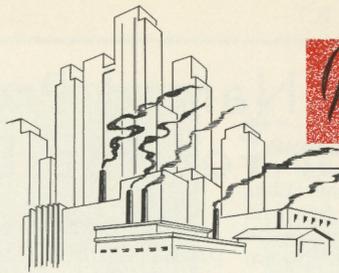


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10,850 rehabilitants

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\$5,453,760 before rehabilitation

\$33,292,428 after rehabilitation

SOUTH CAROLINA

IS

FIRST

IN THE STATES

SECOND

IN THE NATION

(Per 100,000)

\$1,426 cost per client

Rehabilitation is a one-time cost

South Carolina Tops In Rehabilitation

South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department has been cited as being one of the five top programs of this type, moving from the position of third in the nation to second in the nation, per 100,000 population.

Dr. Edward Newman, commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration in Washington, recently notified Dill D. Beckman of Columbia and commissioner of the program in South Carolina, of the achievement.

The Department placed 10,850 men and women in wage-earning employment during the 1971-72 fiscal year. This represents a rate of 419 persons per 100,000 population.

The South Carolina Commission for the Blind specializes in the rehabilitation of blind persons and serves the state's disabled blind through counselors located in 13 offices in major population centers throughout the state.

Vocational Rehabilitation counselors in 15 offices located throughout the state provide services to help handicapped persons become rehabilitated. To be eligible, a person's handicap must prevent him from being able to work and there must be a reasonable expectation that rehabilitation services will enable him to return to work. The department determines the eligibility.

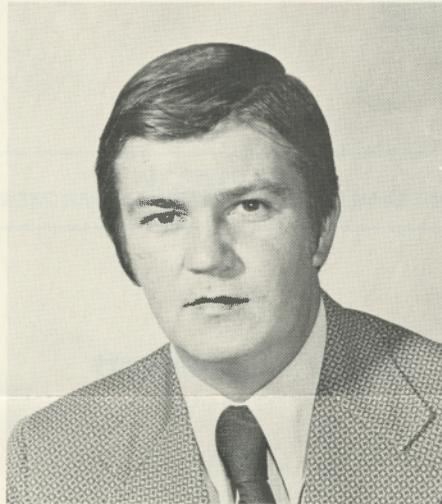
Beckman noted that disability and dependency often go together. Almost 9,000 of the total number rehabilitated were not earning anything at the time the Department began working with them.

The Department provides a wide array of services to persons with physical or mental disabilities, including those with behavioral disorders arising from vocational, social, cultural, and other deficiencies.

While employment is the ultimate objective, the services furnished in preparation for jobs include medical, surgical, and hospital care; extensive individual counseling and guidance; artificial limbs and other prosthetic devices; education and job training; placement in employment; and other related services.

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Harrelson Named Project Supervisor For The Deaf



Larry Harrelson

Larry Harrelson has been named project supervisor for Rehabilitation Services to the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in Columbia. The announcement was made recently by Dill D. Beckman, Commissioner of the S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

A native of Spartanburg County, Mr. Harrelson is a graduate of Limestone College. He has done graduate study in education at Converse College and in vocational rehabilitation for the deaf at the University of Tennessee. He has attended seminars and workshops in New York and Washington, D. C. in vocational rehabilitation with deaf individuals.

Mr. Harrelson became associated with the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department as a Trust Fund counselor in the Spartanburg Area Office in 1967. In 1970 he entered the specialty field of deaf rehabilitation and served as project supervisor of the rehabilitation facility at the South Carolina School for the Deaf.

He is married to the former Julia Dee Allen. They have two children, Lynn, age 7, and Leigh, 2.

S. C. REHABILITATION GROUP HOLDS MEET

The importance of dealing with persons undergoing vocational rehabilitation on an individual basis was emphasized during the first of a two-day training conference of some 200 South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department counselors. The conference was held December 14 and 15.

Keynote speaker for the conference was Shelton McLelland, associate regional commissioner, Region Four, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Atlanta.

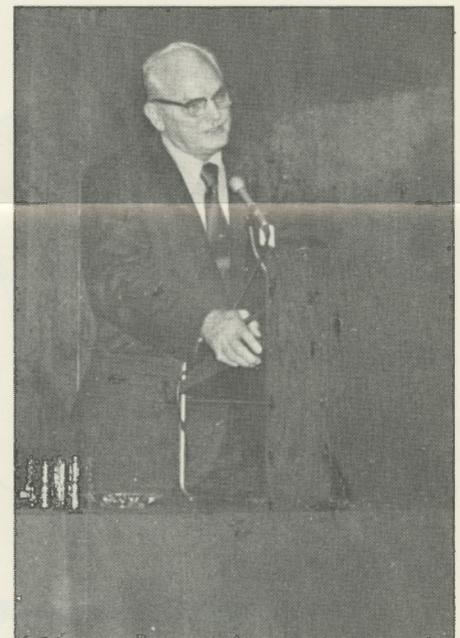
McLelland told the counselors that they must learn that vocational rehabilitation is not a welfare program but one in which a person in the program must be given "a sense of pride" as he attempts to overcome some characteristics that are both manageable and unmanageable.

"We cannot apply the same principles with each person," he said.

The program continued throughout the day on case development and utilizing all available client information.

McLelland addressed the group during lunch on the topic of New Horizons for Rehabilitation Services.

The first afternoon and the second day's sessions were developed around small group workshops using simulated case histories.



Shelton McLelland, associate regional commissioner, Region Four, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Atlanta, addresses some 200 counselors with the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department in a recent meeting on client assessment.



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 Seventeen years old, this young woman was referred to VR by a friend. Her disability was a 50 percent hearing loss. VR provided counseling and guidance, vocational evaluation and sponsored her for training in secretarial work. She is presently working in a bank.

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 This young lady was referred to VR by local authorities because of mistreatment by her family. She had a severe speech impairment and VR provided medical evaluation, speech therapy, vocational evaluation and training at a workshop, dental services, and placement. She is currently employed as an aide in a nursing home.



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 This young man learns the art of making pottery on a potter's wheel in one of the Department's workshop facilities.

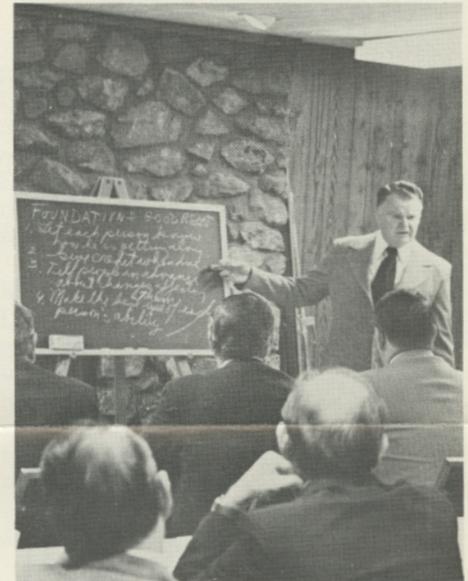
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 This young woman was referred to VR by the Medical College Heart Clinic. VR sponsored her for heart surgery and a secretarial course at a Tech Center. She is now employed as a secretary to a probate judge.





RIBBON CUTTING — Mayor Pro Tem James Anderson snips the ribbon to officially open the new South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, Kershaw Vocational Rehabilitation-Public School Program Office on Church Street in Camden. Looking on are, from left, Jack Herndon, counselor, general rehabilitation; Gene C. (Chick) Guinn, counselor, VR-PS program; Rep. William R. Clyburn, Mr. Anderson, Dr. Dill D. Beckman, commissioner, S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department; Henry Watts, area supervisor Columbia Metro Office, and Glenn Clark, trust fund counselor.

Management Specialist Addresses V.R. Staff



William I. Hartman (standing) conducted a two-day management training conference at the Tremont Motor Inn in Columbia the last of November. The conference was sponsored by the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department and participants included about fifty members of the Department's supervisory personnel.

Mr. Hartman is Director of Supervisory Programs at the University of Oklahoma. In the past two years he has participated in over fifteen management programs for Vocational Rehabilitation Departments throughout the United States.

The conference dealt primarily with the use of a new employee performance appraisal form recommended by the State Personnel Division for use in all state agencies and adapted to meet the needs of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

S. C. Tops —

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In recent years the agency has given special attention to serving public offenders, mentally ill, mentally retarded, alcoholics, deaf and hard of hearing, public assistance recipients, and other disability target groups which require specially designed programs of service.



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