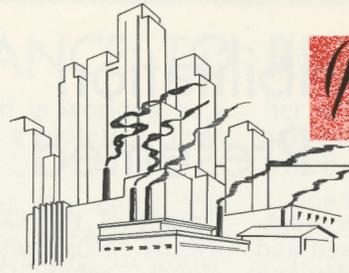


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GOVERNOR COMMENDS VR STAFF

The theme of the 1973 Training Conference for the professional personnel in the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department held in Myrtle Beach in June was "REHABILITATION: COMMITMENT TO HUMAN DIGNITY."

In his address to the participants, Governor John C. West emphasized the importance of the department and recognized the outstanding work of the staff in carrying out this theme.

"Man does not lose his desire to be self-sufficient simply because he suffers a mental or physical handicap," he said. "His quest for dignity is not stifled because he experiences a disabling infirmity."

Commending the professional personnel on its effort to restore this dignity to the disabled citizens of the state, he added that "certainly in terms of rebuilding the human spirit, you have rendered enormous service to your fellow man." He told the participants that they had "proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that human self-sufficiency, human independence is the very key to the concept of basic human dignity."

Governor West recognized the achievements of vocational rehabilitation workers in South Carolina, stating that the department has "become not only an agency of great efficiency and effectiveness within the state, it has also become a model of accomplishment on a national level."

"Industrial growth in South Carolina," he stated, "relates directly to expanded opportunity for all citizens, and especially the handicapped men and women of our

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E. Roy Stone, Jr., Chairman of the S. C. State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation, welcomes Governor John C. West to the training conference in Myrtle Beach, June 22. Dill D. Beckman, Commissioner of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department, and Capt. Lawrence Martin (right) observe.

1973 Training Conference Held In Myrtle Beach

The 1973 Training Conference for the professional personnel of the S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department met at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, June 20-22.

Dr. Dill D. Beckman, Commissioner of the department, and E. Roy Stone, Jr., Chairman of the S. C. State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation welcomed more than 300 participants to the conference.

Keynote speaker for the meeting

was Governor John C. West, speaking on "The Dignity of Man."

Dr. William Usdane, Assistant Commissioner for Program Development in the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Washington, D. C., discussed new approaches to the delivery of rehabilitation services, with emphasis on getting the physically and mentally

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South Carolina Rehabilitation Association Awards Presented

A number of South Carolinians who have done outstanding work in the area of Vocational Rehabilitation received awards and citations at the June 14 meeting of the South Carolina Rehabilitation Association.

Keynote speaker for the meeting was State Senator James M. Waddell, Jr., speaking on the topic of "Rehabilitation: A State's Responsibility." He was introduced by Dill D. Beckman, Commissioner of the S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

W. Brantley Harvey, Jr., of Beaufort and C. Marshall Cain of Aiken, both members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, received legislative awards for their outstanding work in behalf of vocational rehabilitation in the General Assembly.

The Employer Award was presented to Jesse A. Boyce of Abney Mills, Greenwood, for his cooperative spirit in the "Employ the Handicapped," showing a desire to give the handicapped citizen an opportunity to demonstrate his ability.

Roy L. Coffee, a textile executive from Anderson, was named recipient of the Citizen Award for this year. This award is made to a citi-

zen who has contributed to a better existence for the distressed and disabled in his own community and throughout the state.

Representatives Charles N. Plowden of Summerton and Cecil T. Sandifer of Westminster were cited by the S. C. Rehabilitation Association for their "continuous behind the scenes efforts on behalf of the state's disabled citizens."

In addition to these awards, several awards were presented to members of the staff of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

Jeffrey Aycock of Beaufort received recognition as Case of the Year winner. The award is presented annually by the Vocational Rehabilitation Department to one of its counselors who has done outstanding work in the rehabilitation of an individual.

The Professional Staff Award, which is presented annually to the staff member most significantly contributing to rehabilitation, was presented to William H. Turnley, Area Supervisor of the Greenwood Area Office.

Dave Eagerton, Counselor from the Florence Area Office, was re-

ipient of the Elkins Award. This award recognizes devoted, professional rehabilitation counselors whose efforts far exceed required standard performance. It is presented by the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association on a state, regional and national basis, and recipients of the state award will be considered for the regional award.

Governor Commends VR Staff

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state." He urged the department to redouble its efforts "to get these workers into competitive employment, and to make them an active part of the great economic future which our state has ahead of it."

He described the concept of human dignity which rightfully belongs to all — not one reserved for those without physical or mental defects or a privilege belonging only to a few who can meet certain standards or tests. He then expressed his thanks and congratulations on helping to make this concept a reality.



E. Roy Stone presents a Legislative Award to Representative W. Brantley Harvey, for his outstanding work in the General Assembly in behalf of Vocational Rehabilitation.



William H. Turnley, Greenwood Area Supervisor, was presented the Professional of the Year Award by R. Paul Gregg, President of the Professional Staff Association.

A CHANCE TO REPAY A DEBT

Gloria Heyward is working as a night auditor for a motel to repay a debt.

The amount of the debt? The work of the S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department in transforming a dependent citizen into a productive citizen.

She won't actually repay a loan in dollars and cents, but the amount of taxes she pays as an employed citizen will repay the small investment made in her future.

Miss Heyward was handicapped by muscular dystrophy, which left



her with restricted use of her hands and an impairment in walking, for which she uses leg braces.

She is a 1969 graduate of Lincoln High School in Sumter.

In February, 1969, Vocational Rehabilitation began working with Miss Heyward with routine medical examinations and counseling. She needed vocational training in order to be able to find employment, so she was sent to Sumter TEC to pursue the business marketing technology course. The course requires two years of study, and she completed her studies in the spring of 1971.

For many who complete such a course, employment is easy to find. But not for a young woman with handicaps.

After many attempts to find employment with no success, Miss Heyward found someone who was willing to give her a chance to prove herself.

A Sumter motel owner needed a night auditor. He agreed to try Miss Heyward for one month on the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift.

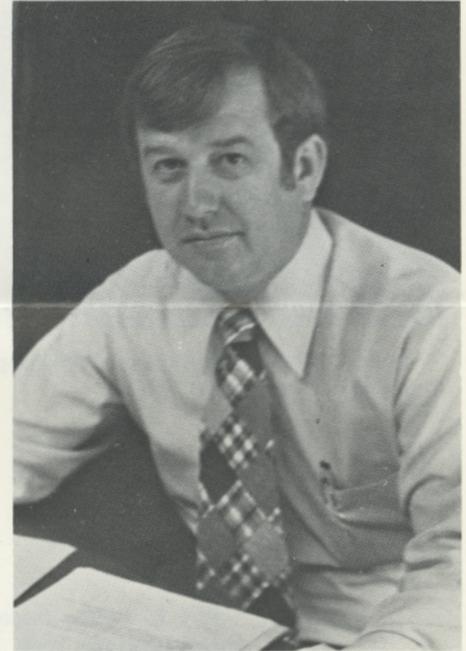
She has been employed there since February 2 of this year, and her employer is "extremely satisfied" with her work.

A small investment in the future of a handicapped individual has made another productive citizen for the State of South Carolina.

Parker Appointed

Columbia Area

Supervisor



Ronald W. Parker has been appointed Area Supervisor for the Columbia Area Office of the S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department. The appointment was made by Dill D. Beckman, Commissioner of the Department.

He has served since 1971 as Project Supervisor of a Vocational Rehabilitation Public School Program in Anderson School District #5. This project was recently selected as one of the top 30 programs of its kind in the United States.

A graduate of Erskine College, Parker received his Masters Degree in Counseling and Guidance from Clemson University.

He began working with Vocational Rehabilitation in 1966 as a Counselor in Anderson, later in Oconee County.

"No one has a bigger challenge than I have at this time," Parker said upon assuming this new position. He added, "I am looking forward to getting to know the Columbia area and the opportunity for vocational rehabilitation."

He says, "my goal is to provide the best services to the most people possible."

1973 Training Conference —

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handicapped out of sheltered workshops and into the community as productive citizens.

Shelton McLelland, Associate Regional Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Atlanta, gave a regional perspective on "The Developments and Trends in Vocational Rehabilitation."

Sen. Thomas E. Smith of Pamlico, who has actively supported the program of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department in the General Assembly, discussed "Vocational Rehabilitation Services — The State's Responsibility."

State Health Officer E. Kenneth Aycok spoke on "The State of

Health in South Carolina: Services and Delivery."

Motivational speaker Stanley Finch of Greenville, spoke to the participants on "Self-Reliance as a Resource."

Also on the program of the conference were a number of speakers from within the department.

Serving on a panel to discuss vocational education as a resource for the handicapped were George Cleckler, L. L. Lewis, Donald Crolley and Tucker Jackson.

Annual reports were given by J. S. Dusenbury, T. E. Ringer, Jr., Robert E. Brabham, James McClary, Charles S. Chandler and C. J. Collins.

SCRA Awards Presented



John A. Montgomery presents the Employer award to Jesse A. Boyce of Greenwood.



Dill D. Beckman talks with Jeffrey V. Aycock of Beaufort, Case of the Year winner, and Walter J. House, second place winner.

Roy L. Coffee (second from left) gets congratulations from Harry W. Findley (left), Dill D. Beckman and Lt. Governor Earle E. Morris, Jr., upon receiving the Citizen Award for 1972.



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