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Deputy Undersecretary of HEW Visits South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation

Frederic V. Malek, Deputy Undersecretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was in Columbia recently to visit and observe the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department programs at work. Mrs. Virginia Smythe, Regional Commissioner of Social and Rehabilitation Service in Atlanta, accompanied him.

The day's activities opened with a meeting in the Conference Room at the Wade Hampton Building for a briefing on the program in South Carolina. After lunch Mr. Malek visited the Reception and Evaluation Center at the Department of Corrections. Mr. Robert E. Dales, Facility Coordinator of the Center, conducted a tour of the facility and provided information requested by Mr. Malek. This was followed by a tour of the Columbia Rehabilitation Workshop Facility under the direction of Mr. John Morris, Facility Coordinator of the Workshop, and Mr. Ray Matthews, former Chairman of the Workshop Board. Mr. Malek's visit was concluded with a trip through the Pineland Rehabilitation Facility. Mr. Malek was shown the various activities which are provided at Pineland by Mr. William Corley, Workshops and Facilities Officer and Dr. Edward Rondeau, Superintendent of Pineland State Training School and Hospital.

In a letter to Dr. Dill D. Beckman, Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department, Mr. Malek stated, "The field visits demonstrated conclusively to me the great

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DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY OF HEW, FREDERIC MALEK, VISITS REHABILITATION FACILITIES. From left to right: Robert Pindar, Vocational Evaluator at the Columbia Rehabilitation Workshop Facility; Dr. Dill D. Beckman; Mr. Malek; Mrs. Virginia Smythe, Regional Commissioner of Social and Rehabilitation Service in Atlanta; and John Morris, Facility Coordinator.



MR. MALEK OBSERVES SEWING INSTRUCTION AT COLUMBIA REHABILITATION WORKSHOP. From left to right: Miss Irene Walker, Vocational Evaluator at the Workshop; client; Dr. Beckman; Mr. Malek; and Mr. Morris.



Bernard Popick, Director of the Bureau of Disability Insurance in Baltimore, reads from the Director's Citation presented to Frank G. Honea, Disability Determination Officer.

Disability Determination Officer Receives Director's Citation

Frank G. Honea of Columbia was awarded a Director's Citation for his contributions to the Social Security Disability Insurance Program in ceremonies at a recent bi-regional meeting in Atlanta.

Disability Determination Officer for the Disability Determination Division of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, Mr. Honea was presented the citation by Bernard Popick, Director of the Bureau of Disability Insurance in Baltimore.

This is the first such citation to be presented in a state agency in Region IV.

The award recognizes Mr. Honea for his sustained superior performance, the leadership and initiative he has demonstrated in developing and implementing the quality appraisal and control systems for the division in South Carolina and for his part in developing the employee performance evaluation form now being used throughout the agency.

Mr. Honea joined Vocational Rehabilitation in 1959. He received his B.S. degree from Presbyterian Col-

lege in Clinton, S. C. Mrs. Honea teaches at Seminole Road Elementary School and they have four children.

Voluntary Agencies To Be Honored

Approximately 25 of the leading voluntary organizations in the field of rehabilitation will be honored during the 50th Anniversary Celebration by receiving the special Commemorative Medallion struck for the occasion. Many will be presented to presidents of these groups who attend the opening ceremonies in Washington, D. C. Others will be presented to the organizations at their own annual meetings during the remainder of the year or at another suitable occasion.

A Committee representing RSA, NRA, IARF and the States Council will select the 25 organizations to receive the Medallions.

Disabled Finding Jobs In Medical Laboratories

A recent study, which was sponsored by the federal Social and Rehabilitation Service, showed that disabled persons are being employed for work in medical laboratories and once they are employed, they make reliable employees.

The study showed that hospitals throughout the United States are employing persons with all types of disabilities to fill laboratory jobs of every description. Of the 693 disabled employees reported in the survey, 91 percent were rated as satisfactory by their laboratory directors. Also, 72 percent had received their laboratory training after becoming disabled.

The disabled were found to be working in all laboratory departments at all job levels, including 20 percent as supervisors, 50 percent in general staff positions, and 30 percent as laboratory assistants.

Even the severely disabled, including six wheelchair paraplegics and seven totally deaf persons, had received training in laboratory techniques.

In reporting on the study, the SRS' Division of Research and Demonstration said that medical laboratories hold many vocational opportunities for disabled persons. "Many more disabled clients than in the past could be successfully trained for positions in medical laboratories, and should be," the report said, adding:

"This would not only solve the vocational problems of these clients, but also help to relieve a critical health manpower shortage."

50 Years of Vocational Rehabilitation In The U.S.A. To Be Published

Among the interesting items to be published in support of the 50th Anniversary is a 10,000 word history of the vocational rehabilitation program, written by Mr. Russell J. N. Dean, former Assistant Commissioner of RSA.

Photos will illustrate this history, sure to be of interest to professionals and laymen alike, as well as to community leaders with an interest in vocational rehabilitation.



MR. MORRIS BRIEFS MR. MALEK AND MRS. SMYTHE ON WORKSHOP FACILITY. From left to right: Dr. Beckman; Mr. Ray Matthews, former Chairman of the Board of the Workshop; Mr. Malek; Mr. Morris and Mrs. Smythe.

DR. DILL D. BECKMAN AND MR. ROBERT PINDAR DISCUSS SOME OF THE STEPS TOWARD REHABILITATION. From left to right: Mr. Pindar; Dr. Beckman; Mr. Malek and John Morris.



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value of a well-rounded rehabilitation program. You are certainly gaining a great return on the investment being made in South Carolina. You can certainly be rightfully proud of what you have accomplished for the State. We in Washington are proud of you and the results you have achieved."

Certainly, coming from such a source, these words should mean much to all connected with the rehabilitation program.

Study Cites Main Employment Problems For The Disabled

A recent study, under which handicapped individuals were interviewed and their responses evaluated in a closely controlled scientific manner, has revealed that three out of five unemployed handicapped persons attribute their unemployment to severe immobility or extreme pain caused by their disability.

Working with the scientific staffs of state rehabilitation agencies and hospitals, the study staff concentrated on amputations, physical limitations, and mental disabilities among the handicaps evaluated. An interview of these three groups indicated that while the majority of the people interviewed in this controlled experiment were physically limited, one in four unemployed handicapped is confined to the home or needs the assistance of another for mobility.

The study also indicated that two out of five of all handicapped people have problems using buses, subways, trains, and automobiles because of structural barriers to entry.

Conducted by the Rutgers University Center for Transportation Studies under a grant from the Social and Rehabilitation Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the questionnaires were sent to 5,000 former clients of the New Jersey Rehabilitation Commission, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, and physical service hospitals in the Camden-Philadelphia area. The analysis was concerned with employment and journey-to-work travel patterns.

One of the conclusions of the study was the fact that handicapped people do not need **new** modes of transportation, but that physical barriers in **existing** systems must be eliminated. Out of 263 unemployed handicapped people in the Philadelphia area, 165 had job skills in demand, but could not travel, even for short distances, to take advantage of them and few of the available jobs could be done in the home.

Top Five in NRA Membership Drive Named

Carl Brock	510
Greenwood Workshop	
W. H. Turnley	330
Greenwood Area Office	
J. S. Dusenbury	275
State Office	
Alan Coleman	235
Aiken Workshop	
H. B. Powell	215
Florence Area Office	

If you have not yet joined or renewed your membership, you may do so until June 30.

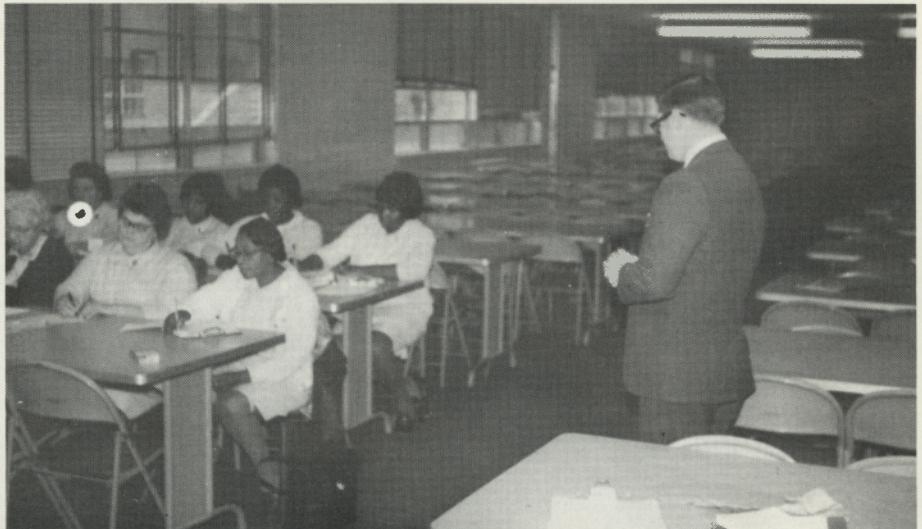


A two-day secretarial training conference in the Charleston area was conducted by the Field Office in cooperation with the Area Supervisor and State Office personnel. Main topics of the conference included proper execution of VR forms and accepted VR procedures.



Counselors meet with Civil Service coordinators from the Charleston area to discuss problems associated with placement of the handicapped into Civil Service positions. The VR Counselors were given an opportunity to discuss specific problem areas. Other topics included availability of positions and referral of the handicapped Civil Service employee to Vocational Rehabilitation.

School Project counselor James E. Holliman discusses Vocational Rehabilitation services and referral procedures with Charleston County school nurses. (Photos by W. B. Creel.)



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