

Owens To Win Top Citation

Thomas J. Owens, formerly of Kings Mountain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Owens, is recipient of the President's Award from the American Medical Technologists, a national professional registry for medical laboratory personnel. Owens, a registered medical technologist, will be granted the award during the organization's 32nd Annual Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado the week of July 27.

Owens will receive the President's Award because of his outstanding service in the medical technology field as a state society president.

The award winner is chief technologist and administrator of the Wheeler County Hospital, a position he has held since 1967. He has worked in similar capacities for the Liberty Memorial Hospital

in Hinesville and the Conner-Bedingfield Hospital in Vidalia. A member of AMT since 1958, he is currently president of the Georgia State Society, having held the offices of vice president and secretary. He was previously awarded the national Distinguished Achievement Award.

He has studied at Guilford College and Appalachian State, N. C., and the Dell School of Medical Technology. Additional training was received at the Columbia University School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine.

Owens is active in the Glenwood Methodist Church, the Heart of Georgia Planning and Developing Commission, the Georgia Hospital Association, and the American Academy of Medical Administrators.

He and his wife, Inez, are the parents of Angela, 16; Tony, 14; and Teresa, 8.

Veteran Training Up One-Third

There were 952,000 individuals in training under various Veterans Administration education programs during the first half of fiscal year 1970 a 33 percent hike over the same period a year ago.

More than 567,000 of these trainees (nearly 60 percent) were enrolled in colleges and universities, W. B. Phillips, Manager of the Winston-Salem Regional Office, said today.

He said the 567,000 college trainees included 520,000 under the G.I. Bill, 36,000 under dependents' programs (wives, widows and children), and more than 11,000 under vocational rehabilitation.

Of some 892,000 college and noncollege students studying under the G.I. Bill during this period, 828,000 were veterans and 14,000 were servicemen. Sixty-one percent of the veterans (506,000) and 22 percent of the servicemen (nearly 14,000) were college students.

In addition to the 38,000 in college under dependents' educational assistance, another 6,000 were enrolled in other programs. Phillips said about 18,200 persons participated in rehabilitation programs during the first half of fiscal 1970, including the 11,000 college trainees (61 percent).

At the same time, just over 6,000 persons were students full time in rehabilitation programs, including nearly 9,400 (58 percent) in college. Of the more than 1,400 enrolled on a part-time basis, 1,700 attended college.

Of the 18,200 in the rehabilitation program during the first half of the fiscal year, nearly 14,800 were in training at the end of January 1970 — the most for any one month in the past 10 years.

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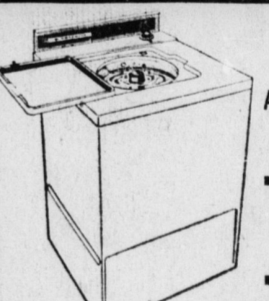


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