

# Business

## Perkowski promoted

Mrs. Nancy Perkowski, Director of Nursing, has been promoted to Assistant Administrator, it was announced by administrator Raymond Benkoski, Leader East Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Kingston.

Mrs. Perkowski was born and reared in the Wyoming Valley. She graduated from Larksville High School and the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. She is licensed as a nurse and as an administrator in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Mrs. Perkowski and her husband Leonard reside in Shavertown with their two sons, Leonard Jr. and James.



MRS. NANCY PERKOWSKI



MRS. SHIRLEY SMITH

## Shirley Smith has article published

The Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center Hospice Program opened last February and with it a new concept for the palliative treatment for the terminal cancer patient. Unlike traditional hospice programs, where the patient and family is cared for at their home, the VA Medical Center Hospice Team prepares and cares for the patient and his family in a homelike setting within the medical center.

Mrs. Shirley Smith, R.N., M.S.N., of Dallas, Coordinator of the VA Medical Center's six-bed Hospice Unit has had an article, on the subject of developing a hospice program, accepted for publication. The paper, co-authored by Ms. Nancy Bohnet of Pittsburgh, is entitled "Organization and Administration

of Hospice Care". The publication will appear in the November issue of the Journal of Nursing Administration. The article focuses on essential components of hospice care and necessary planning to ensure a successful palliative treatment program for the terminally ill. Mrs. Smith points out in the article, the importance of family involvement and usual family activities and relationship during the last stages of terminal illness.

As the Clinical Specialist in Oncology of the VA Medical Center, Mrs. Smith plans and conducts various cancer treatment programs and family groups. Mrs. Smith has been reappointed as Clinical Professor at Wilkes College Department of Nursing.



ROY E. MORGAN



REV. ANITA AMBROSE

## Blue Cross sets meeting

Steps taken by Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania for achieving increased savings through stringent utilization reviews, cost-effective practices, a brief overview of the Plan's vastly improved claims processing systems, and a look at certain priority projects planned for the remainder of 1983, are among topics for discussion on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 12:15 p.m., at the Blue Cross fall luncheon forum for Advisory Board members only, at Genetti Best Western Motor Inn, Wilkes-Barre.

Announcement of the upcoming meeting was made by Roy E. Morgan, Forty Fort and the Rev. Anita Ambrose, Plymouth, co-chairmen of the panel representing the communities of central Luzerne and Wyoming Counties. "For the past 43 years," they said, "Blue Cross Advisory Board members from communities in the northeastern Pennsylvania region have been meeting regularly for the purpose of keeping informed about Blue Cross and Blue Shield operations. This informal, roundtable dialogue has been most helpful for members who volunteer their time to discuss community subscriber interests, and to

stay advised of the Plan's current and future activities."

Forum participants for the Blue Cross Plan will include Gilbert D. Tough, newly elected president and chief executive officer, and Thomas J. Ward, director of professional affairs.

Also serving as area Advisory Board members are: Mrs. Ruth McHenry, Joseph Chisarik, Samuel Bianco, Walter Glogowski, The Rev. James Lackenmier, CSC, Joel Riegel, Arnold S. Rifkin, Atty. Louis Shaffer, John Namey, Eugene Spier, Raymond Terwilliger, S.M. Wolfe, III, Wilkes-Barre; David M. Baltimore, Leo J. Bergsmann, William Cherkes, John H. Ellis, Mrs. Madge Benovitz, William Rolland, Wallace F. Stettler, Kingston; Dr. Max Speizman, Dallas; Frank Burnside, Edmund L. Dana, Harveys Lake; Kenneth E. Hawk, Joel Nelson, C. Paul Mailloux, Mountaintop; Joseph A. Edmundowicz, Nanticoke; the Rev. Robert F. Sauers, Hughtestown; Jerome Fenner, Exeter; Manny Gordon, West Pittston; Gilbert V. Perry, Wyoming.

Also, Joseph Kasmark, Clifford R. Roselund, Atty. J. Joel Turrell, Tunkhannock.

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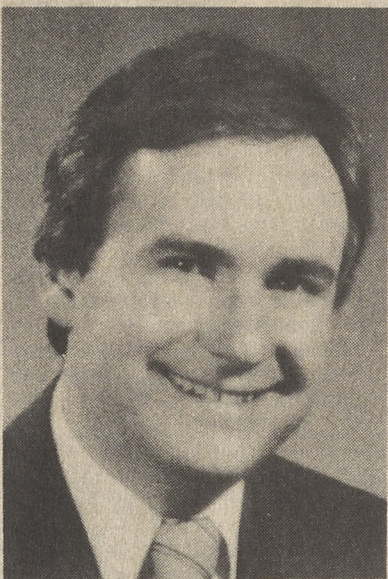
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## Smiles is appointed



R. NELSON SMILES

R. Nelson Smiles, CPA has been appointed Director of Administrative Services for Rural Health Corporation of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

In this capacity, he is responsible for all financial and data processing systems, policies, and procedures in the delivery of medical and dental services for Rural Health's more than 20,000 patients.

Smiles is a native of West Pittston and graduated from Wilkes College where he was a full scholarship student. He also did post graduate work at the University of Scranton. He is a member of the American and the Pennsylvania Institutes of CPA's.

Prior to joining the staff of Rural Health Corporation, Smiles was employed in public accounting both in his own practice and with Parente Randolph Orlando Carey and Associates, CPAs. He has had extensive experience in financial reporting, taxes, data processing and business financing.

Rural Health Corporation administers six medical and three dental centers located in Noxen and Exeter Township, Wyoming County and Wilkes-Barre, Shickshinny, Freeland and Nuremberg, Luzerne County.

The offices provide preventive and primary health care, nutrition counseling, individual and family counseling, pharmacy, transportation, and educational programs.

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## LCCC offers business course

The Office of Continuing Education at Luzerne County Community College will offer a course entitled, "The Paperless Electronic Office," an executive awareness program designed for the business operator or manager who has limited exposure to the functions that the micro-computer can perform in the office and home working environments.

The program, which will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday, September 27 and 29, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the college's Educational Conference Center, will

include lectures on the components of a computer expanding a system and trends of the industry.

Participants will receive hands-on computer experience to create a paperless file system with multiple sorts, and the program is designed to enable students to identify the components of a computer, recognize the devices which are necessary to enhance the capabilities of a computer, and observe the scope of such capabilities as word processing, electronic spread sheets, and video-text.



JOYCE COLLINS

## Collins is named Nurse Coordinator

By JOAN KINSBURY  
Staff Correspondent

Joyce Collins, a resident of Huntsville Road in Dallas, has been named Nurse Coordinator of the Children's Unit of the Wyoming Valley Clinic.

Wyoming Valley Clinic, located in the building which housed the former Wyoming Valley Hospital on Dana Street in Wilkes-Barre, is a 79-bed private psychiatric hospital. The hospital treats patients with problems of substance abuse as well as other mental problems. Patients range from age four to 18 years in the Children's Unit, but the hospital treats adults, too.

Joyce is originally from Manhattan, New York City. She is a graduate of Bellevue Nursing School. She has been on the psychiatric staff at Bellevue and Roosevelt Hospitals and has worked at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital in the Children's Service Center and the in-patient center of the Luzerne-Wyoming County Mental Health Center. Currently, Joyce is pursuing a degree in Health Care Administration from St. Joseph's College in Maine.

Of all nursing assignments, Joyce finds psychiatric nursing the most exciting; the area of nursing that is changing the most at the present time. Joyce finds working with children most challenging. She gets a chance to work with the entire family rather than with just the patient. In working with children, Joyce gets to know the mother, father, brothers and sisters during the course of the treatment.

In her job as nurse-coordinator, Joyce deals with in-patients which means that these patients live on the hospital premises 24 hours a day. On September 19, Wyoming Valley Clinic will open its own school for the children's benefit. Art therapy, music therapy, psychodrama, recreational therapy; all are offered to patients. The treatment program is based on the child's needs and abilities. Each program is tailored to each child.

Joyce and her husband, John both work in the area of psychiatric health. John is co-ordinator of Wyoming County Children's Service Unit. John's three children, Merrily, 10, Jenna, 8 and Travis, 5 complete the Collins family.



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