

People



Auxiliary members

Shown here are members of the Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary who attended the organization's first meeting. From left, Marcella Birkbeck, charter member; Mazie Mazar, charter member; Myrle Coolbaugh, charter member; Thomas J. Sweeney, administrator, Meadows Nursing Center; Helen Mondulick, charter member; Ruth Hagen, charter member; Louise Frantz, charter member.

Auxiliary holds first meeting

The first meeting of the Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary was held recently in the community room of the Meadows Apartments, Dallas. Over 40 members attended the meeting and enthusiastically helped plan for the future of the auxiliary and volunteer positions available at the nursing center.

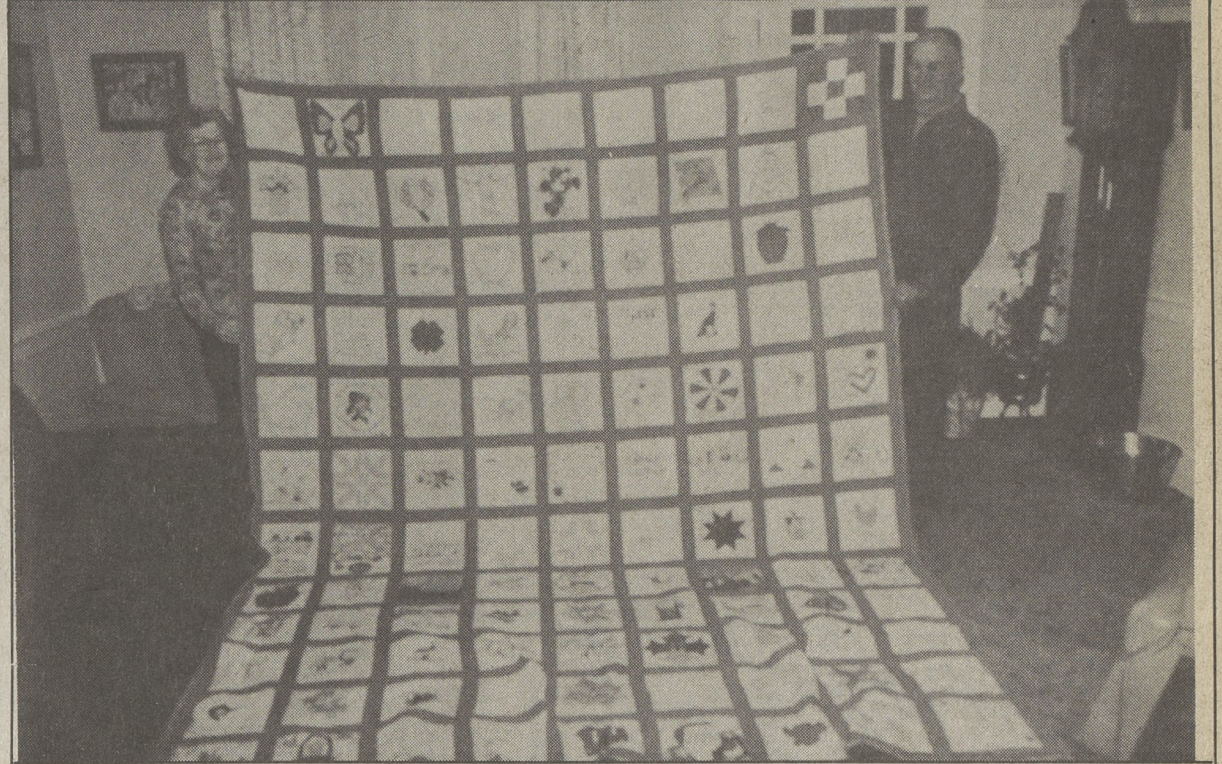
Mr. Thomas J. Sweeney, Administrator of the Nursing Center,

presented an overview of the center for the auxiliary members, and invited the group to an open door tour of the facility which will be part of the meeting of the auxiliary in January.

It was reported that a good response is being noted in the Membership Campaign, with an almost equal response to sustainer and active memberships. All memberships received before January 1, 1985, will be issued special charter

member cards. These cards will be mailed within the next two weeks.

The first project of the auxiliary will be a Tree Trimming Party at the center on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 3-5 p.m. Auxiliary members will bake and donate cookies for the event. For more information on this project please contact Marilyn Gregorski at the center or Catherine Bolinski at 675-5153.



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Anniversary quilt

Ruth and Glenn Johnson, of Lazy Acres, Meeker Road, are shown here with a patchwork quilt given to them recently in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary. The quilt, which consists of 108 squares, was made for the Johnsons by members and friends.

Quilt provides many memories for Ruth and Glenn Johnson

By JOAN KINGSBURY
Staff Correspondent

Ruth and Glenn Johnson, Lazy Acres, Meeker Road were honored in a special way by their children, grandchildren and friends on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary recently.

One hundred and eight people made a quilt square depicting an event or symbol which has special meaning to the Johnsons. The quilt was then pieced together and quilted with small hearts throughout the square borders, making a very large quilt which the Johnsons use as a bedspread.

Ruth had participated in making a memory quilt of this type for her cousin and was very impressed with the idea. When their family was trying to come up with a special gift for their anniversary, this quilt seemed to be the ideal gift.

The Johnsons children, Shirley Smith and her husband Sonny; Lee and his wife Sue, and their grandchildren Russell, Ronnie, Pam, Jennifer, and Tom all had lots of fun planning the quilt. JoAnn Ennis organized the quilt and arranged to have it quilted.

The couple was married on September 18, 1939 in a garden wedding at the home of Ruth's parents, the late Elizabeth and Russell Ide. Ruth and Glenn were both raised in the Back Mountain area. Glenn's

mother, Ethel, is a resident at the Meadows Apartments and his father was the late Gordon Johnson.

The Johnsons are members of the Two Fold Club (since 1949), and the Good Sam Club. Ruth is District Deputy President of the Rebekkahs. Glenn, an Oddfellow, is on the board of the Oddfellow home in Middletown.

Glenn is retired from Harter's Dairy after 27 years of service. He also drove a school bus for the Lake-Lehman School District.

Ruth loves to do needlework of all types — sewing, needlepoint, crocheting. Each grandson receives a handmade afghan when he graduates from high school; each granddaughter receives a crochet bedspread. Ruth is presently working on Christmas favors for two different parties.

Glenn, a collector of hammers, has the largest collection in the state, numbering 170. Several years ago, Glenn and his collection were featured on Channel 16's "On The Pennsylvania Road" with Mike Stevens. Playing Santa Claus for youngsters at churches, scout and school events is an annual hobby that Glenn really enjoys.

Ruth and Glenn really appreciate all the time and work their children, grandchildren, friends and relatives put into their quilt. Each square tells a story of its own, reminding the Johnsons of many wonderful moments.



Club donates check

The Pennsylvania Quilters recently presented a \$1,000 check to the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Annual Fund Campaign to be used for student scholarships at the local campus. The gift was from the proceeds of Quilt Show '84, a two-day event held at the campus in Lehman. The school's Annual Fund Campaign is now in progress. Shown here are, from left, Jim Campbell, director of continuing education at Penn State Wilkes-Barre; Peggy Brislin, treasurer of the Pennsylvania Quilters; Donna Goobic, president; Dr. James H. Ryan, campus executive officer; Dorothy Lukas and Jane Evans, co-chairman of the Quilt Show.

DALLAS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER NEWS

Division of Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging

THE DALLAS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER welcomes Mrs. Florence Owens as its new Nutrition Manager under the senior aid program with the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Bureau of the Aging.

Good luck, Florence, and welcome aboard our ship.

THE CITY SLICKERS from the Wilkes-Barre Center came to Dallas to pay their country cousins at shuffleboard and went home with only coffee and cookies to show for it - only kidding, fellows.

The Dallas center won the match, though, by a score of 4-3. The Wilkes-Barre lineup consisted of William Galeardi, J. Otaway, D. Krupito, Tom Bauknight, R. Yarnott, R. Kreidler, T. James, B. Shergalis. The Dallas lineup included B. Yuskoski, Pete Ambrose, Bob Shottwell, S. Wasilewski, Bertha Wasilewski, J. Major, W. Pieck, M. Lucas.

The boys from Wilkes-Barre are fine gentlemen and good sports. The welcome mat is always out for them.

THE MEN DID NOT WANT BOWLING MENTIONED this week since they were outclassed by the women again. Tim Pealer managed to get two fairgames - 157 and 143 while Tim McGuire rolled a 176.

Muriel Pealer had a 475 series with games of 167, 156, and 150 and Helen Hoover scored a 456. Gert Coolbaugh had a high game of 143.

These scores may not seem high, but don't forget, this is the over-60 age gang and Gert is 78 years young.

Why not come and join us at Chacko's in Luzerne every Monday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

A REGULAR MEETING of the Dallas Elders Council was held Thursday, Nov. 20. In attendance were Mrs. Patricia Werner, director, Senior Center Services; and Miss Linda Kohut, nutrition director.

Mrs. Werner spoke of changes in the format of member participation in center affairs. Further information is promised by January 1, 1985.

THE "TRIM A TREE" PARTY will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6 with everyone helping to trim the tree and the center for the holidays. Punch and cookies will be served to all of Santa's helpers.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, complete with Santa and his bag of gifts, will be held Tuesday, Dec. 18, at noon.

A special lunch will be served so advance reservations are required.

Tradition continues

A 363 year-old family Thanksgiving tradition carried on when John Alden, Penn State Wilkes-Barre student and electronics worker at the Tobyhanna Army Depot, sat down to dinner with his family on Thanksgiving.

John is a descendant of the Mayflower and Plymouth colony Aldens. He is the 10th generation, direct descendant of the John Alden made famous in Longfellow's poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish." To Alden, Priscilla Mullens stated, "Speak for yourself, John," when he interceded on behalf of his friend Standish.

Immortalized in literature, Alden also is a noteworthy historical figure. A Mayflower passenger and signer of the Mayflower Compact, Alden was deputy governor of the Plymouth colony between 1633 and 1689. When he died in 1687, he was the last male survivor of the Mayflower Company.

The Pennsylvania Aldens are descendants of the fourth generation's Prince Alden who settled in Wyoming Valley in the 1760's.

Today's John Alden is a graduate of Plymouth High School and an air force veteran. He began working at the Tobyhanna, appropriately enough, the Monday after last Thanksgiving. He is a continuing education telecommunications student at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

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Soccer field dedicated

Dedication of the Bill Lipo Memorial Soccer Field was held recently at College Misericordia, in Dallas. The field is part of a new outdoor athletic and recreational complex under construction at the campus. The soccer field was made possible,

in part, by a gift from InterMetro Industries Corp., of Wilkes-Barre. The gift was made in memory of the late William "Bill" Lipo, a volunteer leader in the Back Mountain Youth Soccer program and former InterMetro employee.

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