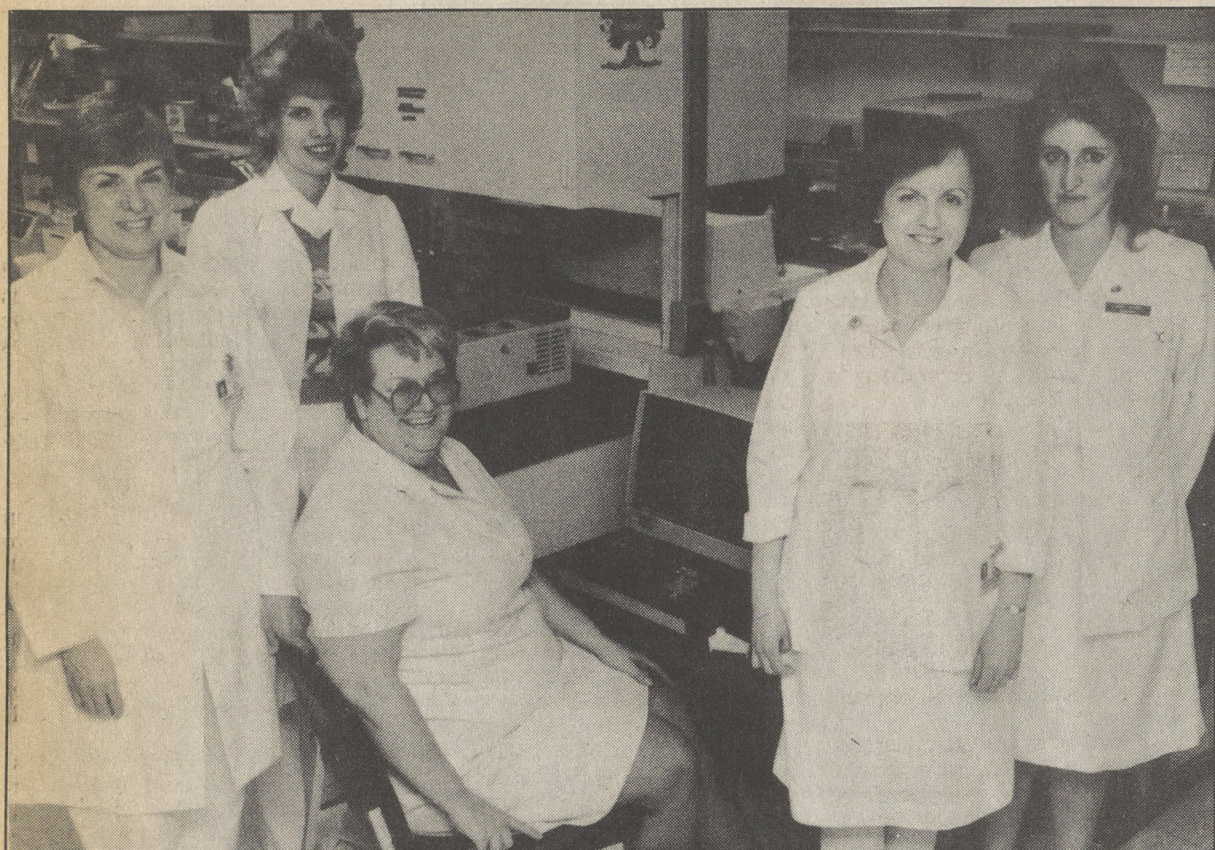




People



Lab members

Pictured above are several members of General's Laboratory staff. Seated is Agnes Norosky, certified professional secretary, Pittston. From left, standing, Roberta Schmied, medical technologist, M.T. (A.S.C.P.), Dallas; Josellen Urbanski, medical technologist, M.T. (A.S.C.P.), Mountaintop; Marilyn Surevitch, medical technologist, M.T. (A.S.C.P. S.B.B.), Kingston; and Marie Harding, certified phlebotomist, Wilkes-Barre. (The initials M.T. (A.S.C.P.) indicate that the medical technologist is certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. S.B.B. signifies Specialty-Blood Bank.)

General's lab is accredited

General Hospital's Department of Laboratory Medicine has been accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) Commission on Laboratory Accreditation for another two-year period. The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program is recognition of excellence of service provided to patients and their physicians. General's Laboratory has been continuously accredited since 1964.

The CAP Accreditation Program

consists of a bi-annual on-site inspection with an interim self-inspection. Inspectors thoroughly review quality control, proficiency testing results, education and qualifications of the staff, adequacy of facilities and equipment, laboratory safety and management. The standards in the majority of areas are more stringent than those of the federal government.

The department is staffed with over 50 certified technologists, several having additional specialty certifications such as hematology,

blood bank, cytology, nuclear medicine, etc. A full-time phlebotomy team and supportive clerical staff complete the force.

State of the art equipment is used to perform all routine laboratory procedures, as well as such specialties as toxicology and therapeutic drug monitoring. The facility is completely computerized to enhance the accuracy of reporting and record keeping.

C. Warren Koehl, Jr., M.D. is medical director of the laboratory and George A. Grinaway, M.D. and Robin A. Moore, M.D. are assistant pathologists. Joan Graham, D.O. is nuclear medicine physician, and Bernadine C. Bochnik, M.T., A.S.C.P. is administrative director.



Program participants

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital staff members involved in the Crib-O-Gram program are shown. From left, seated, are Mrs. Richard Coutts, auxiliary president; Dr. Leo Landau, chairman, pediatrics department; Dr. Louis Sieminski, audiology department; Dr. David Barras, otolaryngology department; and Mrs. Frederick Eck, auxiliary, health promotions chairman. Standing, Marcia Strauss, speech therapy department; Dorothy Tribus, R.N., unit supervisor, obstetrics department; Mary O'Donnell, R.N., assistant director of nursing; Anita Waznia, R.N., director of education; Kevin Ross, assistant administrator; Ron Stern, administrator; Dr. George B. Davis, chief of staff; Jo Stern, director of community relations; and Marie Zemanick, R.N., director of nursing.



Nesbitt institutes program

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital is currently initiating an infant hearing identification program. The program is designed to identify infants who are at risk for hearing impairment and provide the necessary care for them.

The free service is sponsored by the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary under the direction of the hospital's Obstetrics Department. Other participants in the program include the Education, Audiology, Speech Therapy, and Community Relations departments and the Pediatrics and Otolaryngology medical staffs.

The project will be funded by the hospital auxiliary. In addition, auxiliary volunteers will assist nursing personnel with the hearing screening tests for newborns. A comprehensive training program for auxiliaries in the operation of the Crib-O-Gram Neonatal Audiometer will be provided by the Education Department.

The objectives of the program are to develop an awareness among parents concerning the potential for hearing impairment and to provide screening for infants in the program and testing for the infants at risk. In the event of a hearing problem, the infant's pediatrician will be notified.

Infants born at other hospitals may also have this service available, at no cost, up to the age of three months. To obtain an appointment for this service, please call the hospital's nursery and ask for the "Crib-O-Gram" test.

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Tucker named

George A. Tucker, Trucksville, was re-elected Chairman of the Kingston Township Recreation Commission on Friday, Feb. 8.

Active in the Recreation Commission for the past six years, Mr. Tucker served as chairman last year.

Other members of the Board are: Ed Carey, Bob Sabol, Dave Morris, Dan Wisniewski, Liaison Officer and Sandy Dzury, Secretary.

The next monthly meeting will be on Friday, March 1, in the Township Municipal Building.


'Beds' buttons

Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary President Mrs. Stanley C. Ushins, of Shavertown, above right, recently presented Attorney Michael Hudacek, of Plymouth, above left, chairman of General's Board of Directors, with a "BEDS" button to promote the Auxiliary's latest fund-raising venture. The Auxiliary recently pledged \$500,000 to the hospital for the purchase of new beds for patient rooms. The "BEDS" buttons, which are worn by volunteers and Auxiliary members, are a unique way to announce this latest project. Auxiliary members recently completed a five-year, \$685,000 pledge in four years. The pledge made possible the purchase of Therac, a linear accelerator used in General's Cancer Treatment Center. A number of functions held throughout the year enable the Auxiliary to raise money to fulfill their pledges to the hospital. Three major fund-raising activities sponsored by the group are the Annual Card Party in April, the Golf Tournament in August and the Starlight Ball, a social season highlight, in November. The Auxiliary also sponsors the hospital's volunteer program, which boasts over 600 junior and adult members.

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