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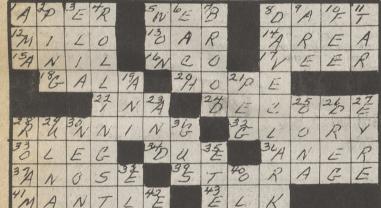
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AST WEEK'S ANSWER



'House Calls' in Back Mountain

By JOHN F. KILDUFF

Staff Writer

There is a new concept in health care invading the Back Mountain area. Actually, it is not exactly an entirely "new concept", it is an old idea returning after a quarter of a century of sick leave.

The new concept? In-home Health Care, offered by the newly opened "House Calls," in-home health care agency located in the Dallas Corners Building, Dallas.

House Calls opened its doors this past January in an effort to "bridge the gap" between the time a patient leaves a hospital and the time the patient is home-bound during recuperation.

"It is not an entirely new idea of health care," said Registered Nurse Pamela Morgantini, who is also House Calls' Director of Professional Services. "In-Home health may have.

care has been around for about 70 years."

According to Morgantini, the idea of medical personnel visiting a patient at his or her home, following a hospital stay, evolved many decades ago.

"The idea evolved from visiting nurses of 20 to 25 years ago," Morgantini, a 1977 nursing graduate of Luzerne County Community Col-lege, said. "Those visiting nurses did everything they could for a patient."

House Calls currently offers inhome services including skilled nursing, physical therapy, speech therapy, respiratory therapy, nutritional counseling, blood testing, EKG's, arterial blood gases testing and X-ray services. All services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, Workman's compensation and any other private insurance a patient

BERNARD GROBLEWSKI Bernard Groblewski, 97, of Crest-view Drive, Dallas, died September 16 in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, where he had been a patient.

Surviving are his wife, the former Anna Walukiewicz; two sons; 14 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren

Private funeral services were held at the convenience of the family.

TYYNE ANDERSON

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Mrs. Tyyne M. Anderson, of RD 1, Noxen (Beaumont), died September 17 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospi-

Surviving are her husband, Johannes P. Anderson; daughter, Mrs. Alisa M. Nulton, Beaumont; one granddaughter, Suzanne.

Funeral was held September 20 from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont, with the Rev. Athisayam Victor, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment, Beaumont Cemetery. JOHN BROWN SR.

John P. Brown Sr., 66, a retired Army master sergeant, of Box 149, RD 1, Harveys Lake, died September 16 in Veterans Administration Medical Center, Plains Township, following a lengthy illness. Surviving are his wife, the former

Mary Kaschenbach, with whom he celebrated 49 years of marriage in December 1984; daughter, Mrs. Charles Perez, Wilkes-Barre; sons, John P. Jr., Blakeslee; David, Wilkes-Barre; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; brothers, George, Bethlehem; Bebert Delles brothers, Ge Robert, Dallas.

Funeral services were conducted September 18 from the E. Blake Collins Funeral Home, Wilkes-Barre, with services conducted by the REv. Andrew Pillarella, pastor of Trinity United Presbyterian Church. Interment, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township. **MEDORA SCHEFF**

Mrs. Medora B. Scheff, 73, of the Hillside Personal Care Center, Dallas, died September 16. Surv

Lake; daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Smith, Yardley; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Fred Austin, Forty Fort; sisters, Leonora Haydon, Forty Fort; Mrs. Marjorie Leuthold, Bowie, Md.

Funeral services were held September 24 from the Frederick Funeral Home, Forty Fort, with the Rev. Pegg Ainslie Richards officiating. Interment, Denison Cemetery, Forty Fort.

GARY MITCHELL

Gary Mitchell, RD 1, Dallas, Kunkle, died September 21 at his home. Surviving are his mother, Eunice Smith Mitchell; his wife, Deborah; sons, Gary Jr., and Larry, both of Tunkhannock; daughters, Colene and Christine, both of Dallas; brothers, Ronald Hess, Middletown; David Mitchell, RD 1, Dallas; sister, Mrs. Gloria Chmiola, Harrisburg

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont, with the Rev. Pegg A. Richards, pastor of the Kunkle United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

LAURA JOHNSON

Mrs. Laura Johnson, 70, of Shawnese, Harveys Lake, died September 21 in Leader West Nursing Center, Kingston.

Surviving is her son, Donald, Harveys Lake.

Funeral services were held Septmeber 24 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas, with the Rev. Michael Shambora, pastor of the Idetown United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment, Idetown Cemetery

NICHOLAS DOWNES

Nicholas Garfield Downes, 76, of 67 Sunset Drive, RD 4, died September 20 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, the former Helen Thier; a sister, Mrs. Floren Corse, Ashby, Mass. He was preceded in death by a brother, Marshall and a sister, Miss Emily Downes.



PAMELA MORGANTINI

One of the main reasons for the need of In-Home care has been the recent implementation of Diagnostic Related Groups (DRGs) by hospitals locally and around the country.

DRGs essentially categorize hospital patients into general diagnos-tic groups, which stipulate the number of days a patient is permit-ted to remain in a hospital. Under the DRG system a patient is often times released from the hospital even though they may need addi-tional care. That is where "House Calls" comes in to help.

"Many times patients are discharged from hospitals before they should be," said Morgantini. "Today's patients are sicker when they leave hospitals than they should be."

"It is a real shame as to what is happening to the elderly in this country right now," Morgantini said. "I really love the elderly and my work and that is why I try to do what I can in this business.

Morgantini said House Calls is not an alternative to physicians but rather is a suppliment to their care.

"We are not replacing the physician. We are bridging the gap," Morgantini said.

For example, Morgantini explained, there could be a home-bound patient in the middle of the winter season who is in need of an insulin injection. Instead of a patient attempting to brave the cold and slippery roads to get to a hospital, House Calls could send a nurse to the patient's home to administer the injection.

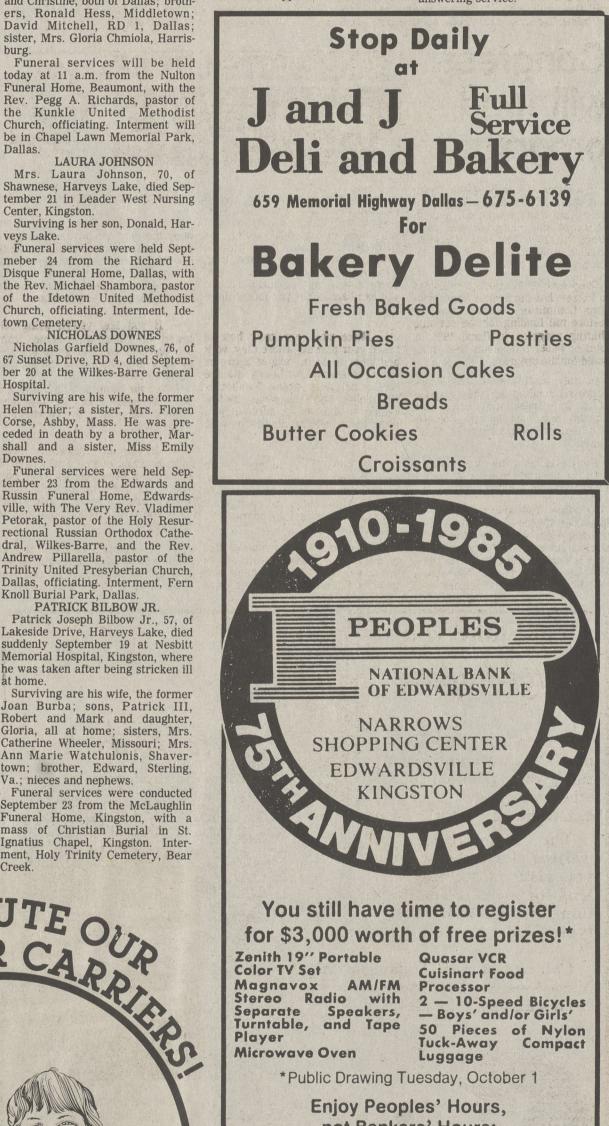
"We try to look at the whole patient to determine their needs,' Morgantini said. "We (House Calls) sometimes go out on a limb for the patient. We try to meet every patient need we can."

According to Morgantini, the DRG system has warranted the In-Home health care system and most people don't realize how frightening being home-bound can be.

"When a patient is released from a hosptial and he or she is not ready to go, they are often overwhelmed,' said Morgantini. "We must realize that someday that patient (who is released early) could be you. And that is why we are here," Morgan-tini continued. "We are trying to make a difference in the psychosocial home health care area. We try to make the adjustment from leaving a hospital to living at home, a little easier for the patient."

Morgantini said a patient desiring House Calls' services must be considered "Home-bound." Homebound patients are those who suffer from illnesses which impair their ability to get to a physicians office or a hospital when they need to.

House Calls employees about 20 medical personnel who are on-call on a 24-hour-a-day basis. House Calls is open Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is available after hours through their answering service.



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First Eastern offers Fidelity mutual funds

First Eastern Bank has announced that a selection of Fidelity mutual funds are now available to investors through the bank's Discount Brokerage Department,

Cars to have rear lights now

You're going to see more and more cars on the highway this fall sporting an additional safety feature an eye-level rear brake light that will reduce the danger of rear-end collisions.

Transportation Secretary Elizabeth hanford Dole, who has made safety her number one priority, said, "We expect to cut the number of rear-end collisions significantly, eliminate some 40,000 injuries and save annually an estimated \$434 million in property damages once all vehicles on the road are equipped with the third lamp.'

Cars manufactured after Sept. 1, 1985, will be required to have the new rear stop lamp, which will supplement the two lower brake lights. The regulation requires the third stop lamp to be mounted on the centerline of a vehicle, between the trunk and the top of the roof, either inside or outside the rear window

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daughte Susan Farr, Centermoreland; sister. Mrs. Frances Kramer, Dundee; two grandsons.

Funeral services were held September 20 in the Centermoreland United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Paul Towers officiating.

LESTER BENNINGER

Lester Benninger, 94, RD 2, Har-veys Lake, died September 20 in Leader West Rehabilitation Center, Kingston.

Surviving are his daughters, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Harveys Lake, with whom he resided; Mrs. Arline Moyer, Penn Argyle; Mrs. Audrey Patti, Winston-Salem, N.C.; son, William, Reno, Nevada; seven grandchildren; nine great-grand-children; sister, Mrs. Elsie Norris, Waverly, N.Y.

Funeral services were held September 24 from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont, with the Rev. James Shillabeer, pastor of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment, Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

KENNETH AUSTIN Kenneth Austin, 78, of Harveys Lake, died September 21 in Carpenter Nursing Home, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, the former Anna Felter; son, Charles, Harveys WE SALUTE OUP

Funeral services were held September 23 from the Edwards and Russin Funeral Home, Edwardsville, with The Very Rev. Vladimer Petorak, pastor of the Holy Resurrectional Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, and the Rev. Andrew Pillarella, pastor of the Trinity United Presyberian Church, Dallas, officiating. Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

PATRICK BILBOW JR. Patrick Joseph Bilbow Jr., 57, of Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake, died suddenly September 19 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where

at home. Surviving are his wife, the former Joan Burba; sons, Patrick III, Robert and Mark and daughter, Gloria, all at home; sisters, Mrs. Catherine Wheeler, Missouri; Mrs. Ann Marie Watchulonis, Shavertown; brother, Edward, Sterling, Va.; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted September 23 from the McLaughlin Funeral Home, Kingston, with a mass of Christian Burial in St. Ignatius Chapel, Kingston. Interment, Holy Trinity Cemetery, Bear Creek.

not Bankers' Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Saturday: 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Thursday and Friday: 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Drive-in Window opens at 9:30 A.M. Member F.D.I.C.

