



# Health



### Lobby dedicated

A special dedication ceremony was recently held by Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary at which time the main hospital lobby was formally acknowledged as the "Abram Nesbitt, 2nd Memorial Lobby". This special project was undertaken by the more than 400 member Auxiliary as an appropriate tribute to Mr. Nesbitt who served as the hospital board president from 1927 until his death in 1982. Also participating in the decorating and planning for this lobby are members of the hospital's Community Relations Committee, Mrs. Frederick J. Eck, Mrs. George B. Davis, Miss Thelma DeWitt, Mrs. Charles Flack, Jr., Mrs. Abram Nesbitt 2nd, Mrs. Frear Scovell and Jo Stern. Shown here during the dedication ceremonies are, from left, seated, Mrs. Abram Nesbitt, 2nd, second vice president; Miss Thelma DeWitt, community relations committee; Mrs. Gordon Williams, board member and past auxiliary president; and Mrs. Richard Coutts, auxiliary president. Standing, same order, are Abram Nesbitt, III, president, board of directors; Mrs. Abram Nesbitt, III, Mrs. Charles Flack, Jr., community relations committee; Mrs. Frear Scovell, community relations committee; and Ron Stern, hospital administrator.



### LPN honored

Carol Shaver, L.P.N., has been selected as the Employee of the Year for 1985 at The Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, according to an announcement by John Muth, Personnel Director. The Employee of the Year was chosen after review of the award winning suggestions by the Employee of the Month throughout 1985. The suggestion most benefiting the residents at The Meadows Nursing Center was the basis for the award. Born in Kingston, Mrs. Shaver graduated from Lake-Lehman High School and the Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing Program. Mrs. Shaver joined The Meadows in August, 1983, as a charge nurse, and since August, has held the position of Nursing Administrative Assistant. She resides in Kunkle with her husband, Walt, an their children, Wally, Brian and Amanda. As Employee of the Year, Mrs. Shaver was presented with an engraved plaque and a cash award. Shown, from left, are Tom Sweeny, Administrator, Meadows Nursing Center; Carol Shaver, L.P.N., Employee of the Year; John Muth, Meadows Personnel Director.

### Health agency assumes original name

A community agency which has been serving Luzerne County residents for 77 years is returning to the name it was known by for most of those years. Home-Health Services of Luzerne County will now officially be called "Visiting Nurse Association-Home-Health Services".

our special status as the only local voluntary non-profit home health agency, and the only one that receives United Way support."

Mrs. Keirans summed up the feelings of the staff and Board of Directors when she said, "We are happy to be going back to what best describes who we are and what we do. The name Visiting Nurse Association-Home Health Services feels comfortable. We are proud to be using this title once again."

In announcing the name change, Administrator Mary Ann Keirans stated that "Most of the people in Luzerne County still refer to us as the Visiting Nurses. We feel that going back to the name Visiting Nurse Association helps to convey

the agency was merged over the years with other community VNA's in Luzerne County. Most of the focus in the early days was on caring for children, but with the recent population shifts the majority of the patients receiving home care now are elderly.

In 1984 the staff of the Visiting Nurse Association made 132,000 home visits to over 5,000 Luzerne County residents with a wide range of health problems, including diabetes, strokes, heart and lung diseases, cancer, and other serious illnesses.



### Robot visits hospital

The U-B Warm Robot, escorted by Steve St. John and Mike Strumberg, WARM-Radio, recently visited the Pediatrics Department at the Geisinger-Wyoming Valley Medical Center. The WARM-Radio trio spread laughter and distributed presents among the children. Pictured in front of the Nurses' Station at the Geisinger-Wyoming Valley Medical Center with the U-B Warm Radio Robot are, from left, Debbie Gendler, unit secretary; Amy Novak, 11, Exeter; St. John, Strumberg; Mary Lou Mosier, R.N.; and Jeff Spinicci, 13, Harveys Lake.

### Lower auto fees for seniors

Recently enacted legislation will enable more senior citizens to qualify for reduced automobile registration fees beginning April 1, according to Rep. Frank Coslett.

The present eligibility limits for retired persons receiving social security or other pension monies is \$9,000. Effective April 1, the limit will be \$14,999. Those individuals whose registrations expire prior to

April 1, will have to comply with the current income limits.

Coslett said that the reduced fee also applies to Class 1 and 2 trucks and that only one reduced registration per family is allowed.

Those eligible for the program pay a \$10 processing fee. The remaining cost of the registration is paid from state lottery profits.

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All surgeons are certified in General Surgery by the American Board of Surgery and individual surgeons hold additional certificates in Head & Neck Surgery; Vascular Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery.

All surgeons are on the staffs of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Abrantes and Lucchino temporarily will maintain offices at 10 West Dorrance Street, Kingston, Pa., Phone: 283-0659

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