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Nurses mark 103 years

The United States Congress has passed a resolution setting aside the week of Feb. 21-27, 1988 in honor of the Visiting Nurses Associations of America. Congress praised the thousands of nurses from the Visiting Nurse Associations as they entered their 103rd year of dedicated services to the American public.

In Luzerne County the only VNA is the Visiting Nurse Association-Home-Health Services, which like other VNAs across the country has a long history of service to the community. The local VNA is a nonprofit agency with offices in Kingston and Hazleton and is a member agency of the United Ways of Wyoming Valley and Greater Hazleton. This year the Visiting Nurses are celebrating their 80th anniversary for caring for the homebound ill in our community. They began in 1908 as the Visiting Nurse Association of Wilkes-Barre, and over the years were joined by other VNAs in the county, including the West Side VNA, and the VNAs from Pittston, Hazleton and Nanticoke.

On introducing the federal legislation, Senator Bill Bradley (NJ) noted, "One of the unique aspects of the Visiting Nurse Associations is their strong community support. A board of directors composed of health care professionals and community leaders oversees each association to ensure high standards of care. The United Way, funded by contributions from local businesses, is one of the primary financial backers for indigent care services provided by every Visiting Nurse Association, and that organization serves as another guarantor of quality care. Of course, the VNAs also rely on individual and corporate contributions within their communities as well as on some federal and state governmental funding."

A wide range of VNA services, such as skilled nursing care, home health aides, rehabilitation therapies, and personal care allow patients to be cared for at home. Along with its two "sister" programs, Homemaker Services of Luzerne County and Nurses Care, the local VNA offers comprehensive home health care services.

To find out more about your local Visiting Nurse Association, please call 283-0681, or in outlying areas 1-800-432-9791. Or you can contact VNAs of America at 1-800-426-2547.

Local census will be taken

Local representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau will revisit selected area households beginning March 1 to conduct its Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). LaVerne Collins, director of the bureau's Philadelphia Regional Office, announced

SIPP is a major nationwide continuing survey introduced in the fall of 1983. It is one of the nation's largest surveys, with about 36,000 households participating.

The Census Bureau publishes periodic reports providing information from the survey. Subjects covered include the following:

- Jobs and earnings
- The economic effects of unemployment, disability and retirement
- How taxes affect personal spending
- Participation in programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and food stamps.

Information from SIPP helps policy makers and administrators determine how well government programs are serving the public and how changes in programs and policies will affect the public.

Information collected in SIPP is confidential by law. Interviewers have credentials identifying them as U.S. Census Bureau employees.



Dallas Post/Ed Higgins, Jr.

"Our duty to remember"

Over 1,000 people attended the dedication ceremonies of the Luzerne County Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, held on the south lawn of the Luzerne County Courthouse, Sunday. The sculpture by Gerhard Baut, Swoyerville, paid tribute to the more than 10,000 men and women from the county who served in Southeast Asia. The monument was dedicated to the spirit of the 82 deceased veterans as well as to those who are still living. The monument was conceived and erected through donations of thousands of Luzerne County residents.

Young people to be honored

BY CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Elva Valentine of Dallas chairperson of the Youth Recognition Committee, announced a new youth recognition award is to be given to two outstanding student volunteers from the Greater Wyoming Valley.

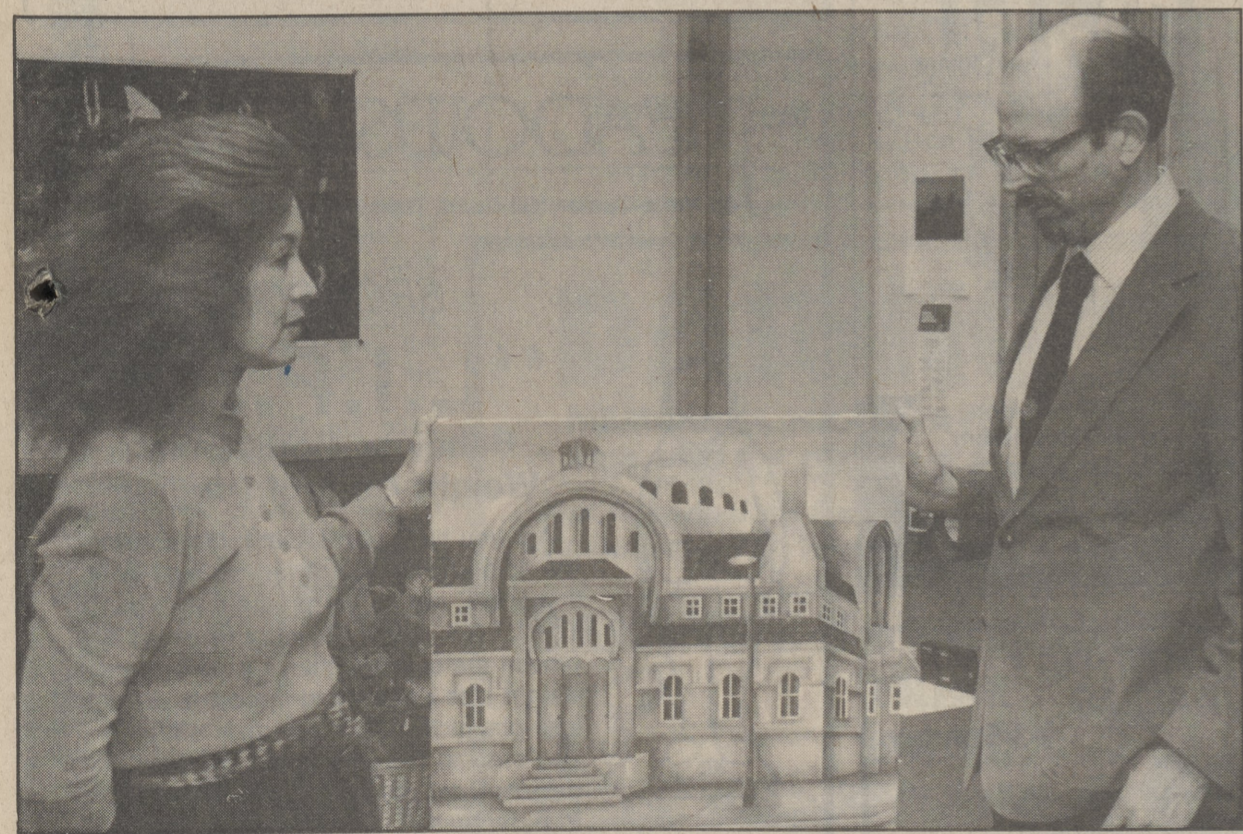
The two outstanding teen recognition awards of \$300 each was initiated by the Volunteer Action Center Advisory Committee in an effort to encourage and recognize the community's young people who have indicated a special interest in volunteering assistance to those in need of it.

Correspondence and applications for the nomination of such students have been sent to local agencies and schools. Nominations for such students between the ages of 14 and 19 years of age may be made by the high school principal or the school guidance counselor, or from an agency where a student did volunteer work.

The students nominated will be required to write an essay about their volunteer experiences. The winners will be selected by a committee comprised of community representatives. The criteria used for judging the winners will include quality volunteer work, documented volunteer work, a reference from the agency where the volunteer work was done and documented scholastic records and a recommendation from high school or administrative personnel.

The winners will be announced and the \$300 cash awards presented to them during National Volunteer Week, April 17-22. Nominations of nominees close March 1.

Ms. Valentine said that some nominations have been received but the committee is requesting **SEE TEENAGERS, p3**



Dallas Post/Linda Shurmaltis

TWO VERY TALENTED RESIDENTS — Sonja and Professor Robert Stetten critique an original painting done by Mrs. Stetten. The Dallas residents are fine examples of the many artistic neighbors who live in our communities.

Artistic talent abounds in Back Mt.

BY DEBBY HIGGINS
Post Editor

Art, like beauty, lies in the eyes (and ears) of the beholder. The literary seers of history have quoted eloquent phrases to describe various types of art and artists. And "art for art's sake" need not be searched for in large cities or deep in the backroom of some dusty bookstore. Sometimes, a form of art and its artist is just around the corner or down the street.

One such artist is playwright Professor Robert Stetten of Dallas. And Stetten's works are profound, dramatic pieces of

one man's views of the state of the human condition.

Stetten, an assistant professor of psychology at Wilkes College, uses the idiosyncracies of the mind and the turmoil that can result from those conditions, as a basis for characters and situations in the form of spoken drama.

The professor says his works are "labors of love", written with a desire to have people enjoy his efforts.

Stetten's most recent play, performed by members of the Showcase Theatre, was aired in January from the WVIA-FM studios.

"Statues on An Empty Beach" took three months to write and about one and one-half years in the pre-writing stage, Stetten said.

"I used composites of real people and certain aspects of my experiences in the realm of psychology to develop characters," Stetten said. "I strive to build a mood more than action in which dialogue plays an integral part."

The play was also performed in Port Jefferson, New York and at the Darte Center at Wilkes College, where it was well-received.

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Fowler named acting borough chief

Dallas Borough Council at its meeting last week named Patrolman Jack Fowler acting police chief of the borough to fill the position left vacant by the death of the former police chief Edward Lyons.

Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fowler, Sr. of Dallas, has been a member of the borough police department for the past 15 years. He graduated from Dallas Senior High School and attended Luzerne County Community College for courses in Criminal Justice as well as various seminars in police work on a regular basis.

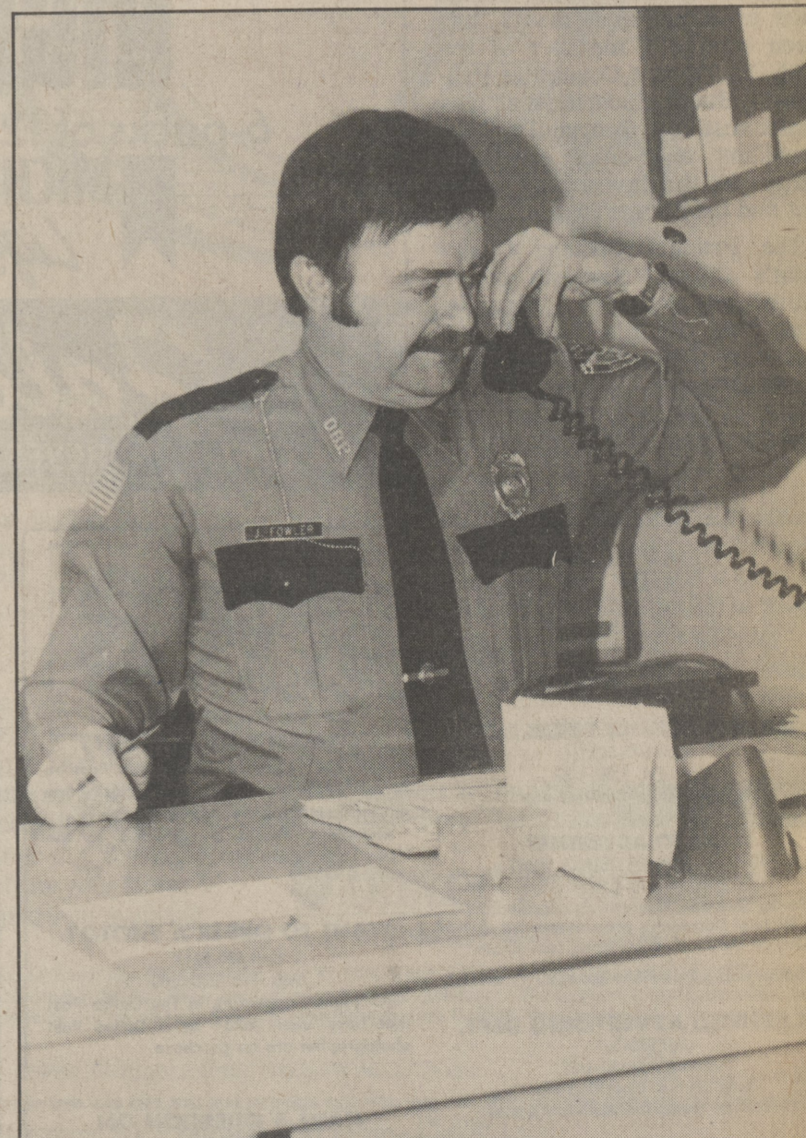
In December, Fowler was also appointed to the position of acting chief while the late Edward Lyons was ill.

The acting chief is married to the former Ann Marie Evans, also of Dallas.

In appointing Fowler, council members announced that Fowler will fill the position as acting chief until the March 15 council meeting when the new police chief will be appointed permanently. The Council is expected to appoint Fowler as the new Police Chief pending results of a non-competitive Civil Service Test.

Fowler was first appointed to the force by the late Mayor Stephen Hartman when Jerry Machell was council president. When Fowler was first named to the police department, he was sponsored by a federally funded program then under the supervision of the late James J. Loftus.

He is a member of the George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, Dallas; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, and the Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post No. 672, Dallas. He is also a past member of the Back Mountain Police Association and



ON THE JOB — Jack Fowler, Dallas Borough acting police chief, performing his new duties as chief.

plans to join again in the near future.

Fowler is well qualified for the position having been involved in numerous major cases which were satisfactorily resolved.

His chief responsibilities will include the assignment of offi-

cers to duty, follow through on investigations, completion of reports, assist fellow officers and do his best to preserve law and order for the taxpayers of the community.

Chairman of the police committee of th Dallas Borough Council is Craig Tupper.