



Demonstrating The use of the scintillation gamma camera, among newly installed equipment in Willis-Knighton Hospital's Diagnostic and Radiation Treatment Center, are staff members (left to right) Mrs. Charlerose Greger, Deborah Moore and Glenda Davidson. (Times Photo by Ken Aclin)

Radiological Center Opens

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Willis-Knighton Hospital has opened its new radiological facilities, Brown Memorial Diagnostic and Radiation Treatment Center, according to James K. Elrod, president.

The 10,500 square foot center is located in the basement of the hospital and was built at a cost of about \$800,000, and contains about \$900,000 worth of equipment, he said.

The newest phase in the hospital's expansion program, the center is named for the late Dr. J. Richard Brown, a Shreveport surgeon who was on the hospital staff until his death in January, Elrod said.

Equipment in the unit will include a linear accelerator for cancer treatment, which is on order, but has not yet arrived, Elrod said.

Some patients from Highland Hospital that require linear acceleration cancer treatment will use the new facilities at Willis-Knighton, Elrod noted. Willis-Knighton patients utilize cobalt facilities at Highland, he added.

Other equipment already in the unit includes a scintillation gamma camera, x-ray diagnostic machine operated by remote control and two automatic high-speed film developers.

Also in the center is equipment which was already being used in the hospital, including nuclear medicine equipment, a color magnascanner, two relocated x-ray units and two image intensifiers.

Director of the center is Dr. Walter T. Snow, director of the hospital's department of radiology. Staff members include physician-radiologists, three nuclear medicine technologists, and nine registered radiological technologists.

In addition to the facilities in the new center and those used at Highland Hospital, Elrod said that Willis-Knighton has established "a working arrangement" with a Houston, Tex., hospital with "even more extensive radiation therapy facilities." Computers in the Houston

medical unit can analyze "patient contours" sent from Willis-Knighton's unit and recommend treatment programs after the disease has been localized, he noted.

Guide on Mobile Home

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Guidelines are much sought after these days on mobile home placement within the metropolitan planning area with confusion and inconsistencies continuing to surface.

Both the Metropolitan Shreveport Board of Appeals and the Caddo Parish Police Jury, which have to make the placement decisions, have encountered an increasing load of applications for mobile homes in single family residential areas.

The likelihood that the requests will stop coming any time soon is slim because of the people preferring mobile home living and the increasing number of persons turning to mobile living because they can't afford today's housing market costs.

Bob Gilbert of Commercial National Bank estimated that his bank currently has \$19 million outstanding in mobile home loans. "We have handled more this year than we ever have," he said. Commercial handles the bulk of such loans locally.

The bank gains about 100 to 125 units for financing every month, Gilbert said. Last year the rate was 60 to 75 units per month.

The gain Gilbert attributes to "conventional housing being priced out of the income bracket for most people."

While the majority of the mobile homes in the metropolitan area are placed in mobile home parks or mobile home subdivisions, there are those persons who own land and want to place a mobile home on it.

It is at this point that the controversy and problems begin. It is with that tussle over whether a mobile home belongs in a single-family residential area with conventional housing and if so under what conditions should approval be given that sparks begin to fly.

Mobile Home

A Mobile Home Exposition will be sponsored Friday through next Sunday by the Northwest Louisiana Mobile Home Association at Shreve City Shopping Center in conjunction with Mobile Home Week today through Nov. 3.

City and parish zoning laws as they relate to mobile home placement will be one of the topics to be discussed by a special panel Nov. 1.

The panel discussion

The mobile home industry generally favors the park-subdivision concept.

A Mobile Home Manufacturers Association booklet states "Placement of the homes on suitable sites remains one of the industry's major problems."

The industry publication goes on to express the hope that the trend of communities zoning "appropriate residential areas for the use of mobile homes" will continue.

A "Facts on Mobile Home selection" pamphlet published by the Better Business Bureau, in cooperation with the MHMA, further advises "Arranging to locate your new mobile home in an established park or mobile home development is in most cases the easiest and best way."

Local mobile home dealers interviewed said about the same thing.

"I think the Metropolitan Planning Commission and zoning officials are missing the boat by not setting aside areas in tracts for mobile homes," Bob Yates of Riley Mobile Homes said. "The state of Florida is really organized on this."

Yates said there is a place for everything and the place for mobile homes is not in subdivisions. "The practice is