

Open House Is Held In New Medical Lab

Approximately 75 persons attended the open house at the newly furnished facilities of the medical laboratory assistant training program of Western Piedmont Community College Wednesday afternoon.

The facilities are located in Central School in Morganton.

A joint student-clinical coordinators orientation meeting was held prior to the open house to introduce the students in the program to the medical technologists who will supervise their six months of in-hospital training. This second phase of their instruction will begin June 11.

This new program, which began in January, is financed under the Health Manpower project which is administered by Western Piedmont under the auspices of the Regional Health Council of Eastern Appalachia.

Albert F. Pate is coordinator-instructor and Ross Frazier is instructor.

Evelyn Sipes, Annabelle Kincaid, and Chris McGalliard, the three students enrolled in the program, have served as a pilot group and contributed significantly to the development of the program, Pate said.

Medical technologists meeting with them yesterday were Mrs. Melba Walker of Grace Hospital, Mrs. Janet Gantt of Valdese General Hospital, and Mrs. Winifred Harding of Caldwell Memorial Hospital. These are the hospitals currently affiliated with the program.

A visitor was Mrs. Ginny Noell, who will be the coordinator in the clinical phase in a future class at Richard Baker Hospital in Hickory.

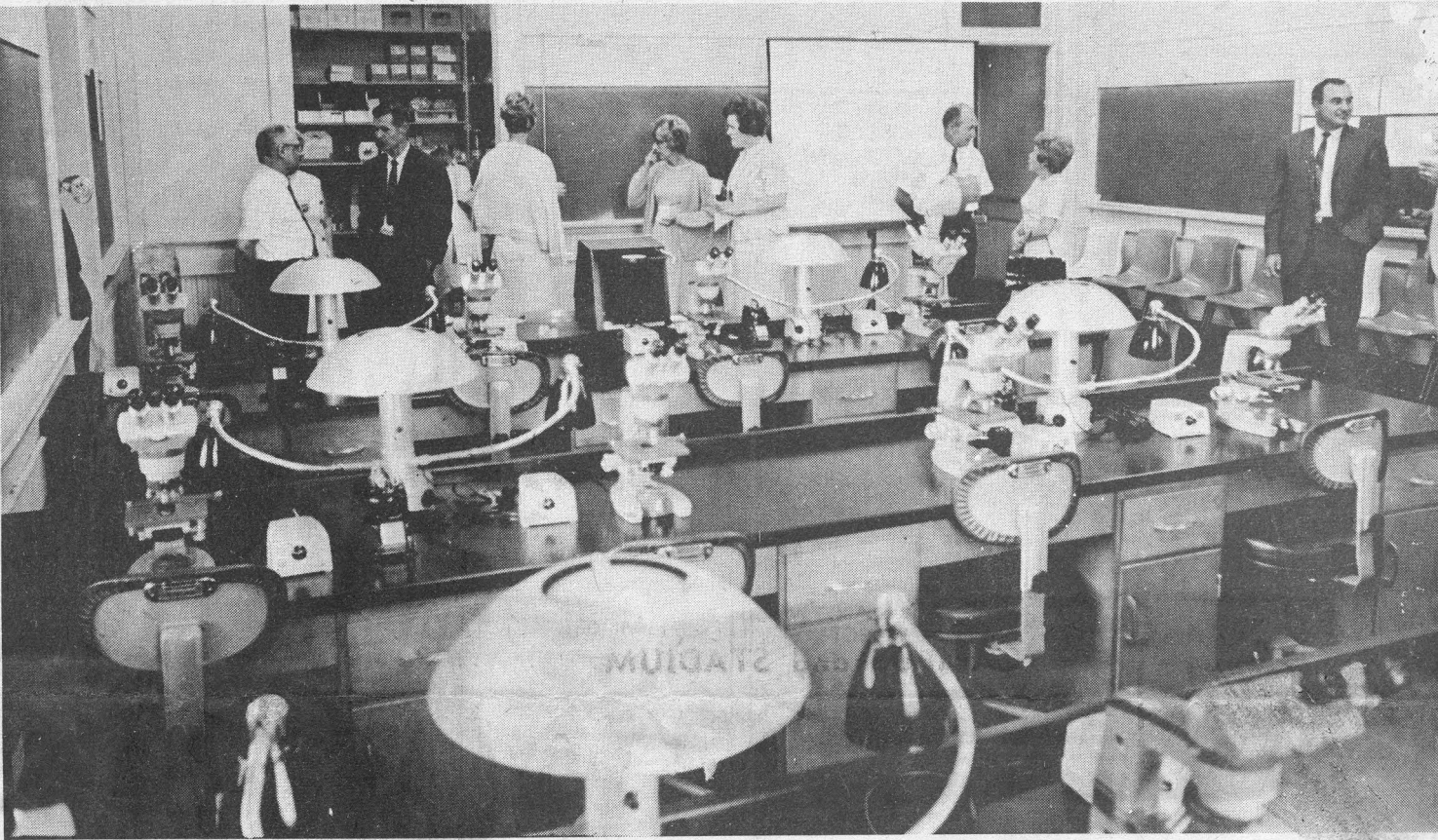
McGalliard will take his in-hospital training at Valdese, Miss Kincaid at Grace, and Miss Sipes at Caldwell Memorial.

This one-year certificate program at the college is set up to conform to the guidelines of the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association for the training of certified laboratory assistants.

The first six months or didactic phase consists of lectures followed by laboratory sessions and during the second phase the student trains in a hospital.



Many Attend Open House Wednesday Afternoon



WPCC Medical Laboratory Assistants Study Here