



Your Social Security

REDUCED BENEFITS

The full Social Security benefit retirement age is currently 65, but a person can retire as early as age 62, Thomas Lavelle, Social Security manager in Wilkes-Barre, said recently.

"For those who do retire before 65, however, the amount of the retirement check is permanently reduced. In addition, payment amounts are reduced if a wife, husband, widow, or widower starts getting payments before age 65. The amount of the reduction depends on the number of months the person

receives checks before age 65."

Beginning in the year 2,000, the age at which full benefits will be payable will gradually increase until it reaches 67. This means that people born in 1938 and later will be affected.

"Reduced benefits will still be payable at 62," Lavelle said, "but the reduction will be larger than it is at present."

More information about reduced benefits can be obtained at the Wilkes-Barre Social Security office, located at 20 N. Pennsylvania Ave. The telephone number is 826-6371.



Jamboree-bound

Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Shown here are the local Boy Scouts who will be attending the National Boy Scout Jamboree this year. From left, Darren Michael, Troop 281; Jamie Strange, Troop 232; Jay P. Niskey, president, Penn Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America; Danny Holdredge, Troop 281; and Shane Williams, Troop 232.

Local Scouts to attend 75th National Jamboree

From July 24-30, more than 30,000 scouts will gather from every part of the country and most parts of the world at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. The theme of this year's National Boy Scout Jamboree in this 75th Anniversary Year of Boy Scouting, is "The Spirit Lives On."

The Back Mountain will be well represented on all levels. Mr. Jay Niskey, President of Penn Mountains Council, will be the equipment and maintenance officer of one of the 20 subcamps.

Local Boy Scouts attending are: Troop 281, Danny Holdredge, Aric

Gingo and Darren Michael; Troop 232, Jamie Strange, Shane Williams, Bob Skursky and Lee Williams; Troop 155 John and Ray Baller.

These boys will be part of the troop representing the Wyoming Valley, led by Scoutmaster Raymond Condo.

After the jamboree, the troop will visit Busch Gardens, Washington, D.C. to tour the Smithsonian Institute and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

First Eastern announces income

First Eastern Corp. announced second quarter net income of \$2,979,000, an increase of 18 percent over the second quarter of 1984. The announcement was made by Richard M. Ross, Jr., chairman, president and chief executive officer who said net income was \$5,123,000 for the first six months of the year, a gain of 15 percent over a like period

in 1984.

Ross noted that on a per share basis, earnings for the second quarter were \$1.02 as compared to \$.98 cents the previous year; earnings per share for the first half of 1985 were \$1.82, as compared to \$1.74 the previous year.

Prison Runathon is success

The Fifth Annual Pennsylvania Prison Runathon held state-wide on Saturday, July 6, achieved success once again, with seven correctional institutions participating. A total of 1008 runners participated running 12,391 miles.

Inmates at the Graterford, Dallas, Camp Hill, Huntingdon, Mercer, Greensburg and Muncy prisons coordinated their efforts this year, in an event designed to support alternatives to the incarceration of youth. Big Brother and Sister agencies and similar organizations around the state will receive monies raised from the event.

Enthusiasm, as usual, was strong for this year's Runathon, which received lots of community and media support. Institutional staff members and representatives from recipient organizations ran in the event, along with the inmates. The morale of the inmates was also heightened by their participation, as reported by the chairpersons of the Runathon Committees at the participating institutions.

Additional results:
— A total of 172 runners at Muncy, clocked 1,573 miles. Top runners were Robert Nash, first place-male, with 38 miles; Trina Garrett, first place-female with 33 miles; Richard Brown, second place-male with 31½ miles; and Toni Anderson, second place-female with 29½ miles.

The P.A. Lifers Association (P.L.A.) at Muncy, an inmate organization, also donated 50 cents per mile for every mile run in their

runathon, for a total contribution of \$786.00.

At Greensburg 105 miles were run by 8 runners. Their top runners were William DeNino with 19 miles coming in first; Tim Vales with 17 miles, second; and Robert Berry ran 16 miles to place third.

— A total of 89 runners at Camp Hill, clocked 1,751.13 miles. Top runners were Phillip Young, first place with 32.21 miles.

A total of 69 runners at Dallas, clocked 833 miles. The top runner, George Peterson, captured first place with 42 miles, coming close to the record number of miles for this year's runathon, which was set at Graterford. Other winners were: Lewis Hare, second place with 41 miles and Robert Snead, third place with 38¾ miles.

Governor Richard Thornburgh of Pennsylvania sent a letter commending all who participated in the Fifth Annual Pennsylvania Prison Runathon. "This annual fund-raising event supports programs that help young men and young women avoid criminal involvement, and it is a truly worthy endeavor," the Governor wrote.

Contributions to the Runathon will be received through July 26. Those wishing to make contributions should make their checks payable to Pennsylvania Prison Runathon, and mail them to Volunteers in Prison, Voluntary Action Center, 427 S. Allen St., State College, Pa. 16801. Inquiries and pledges for individual inmates may be made by telephoning (814) 234-8311.

Book

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Funds Available: (see Other) Maximum \$1,500,000

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Cookbook now available

No grim kitchen economizer, Molly Finn offers heavenly meals for down-to-earth budgets in her newest book, Feasts for a Farthing; published this summer by Yankee Books of Dublin, New Hampshire.

The more than 300 recipes in Feasts for a Farthing rely on neither prepared mixes nor expensive hard-to-find ingredients. Mouth-watering dishes like Chicken Paprikash, Spaghetti Alla Carbonara, and Soubise sound exotic but are simple to prepare with ingredients that are probably in your cupboard right now.

Feasts for a Farthing brings the meaning of homemade back to the basics: cheaper in price, superior in

taste, better nutritionally and often as convenient as packaged foods. The recipes are sophisticated enough for the experienced cook yet not beyond the reach of beginners.

Sprinkled among the hearty dishes in Feasts for a Farthing are helpful hints for greater success in food preparation, and gentle encouragement for creating your own recipes. Some suggestions include:

When cooking beans, don't add salt until the beans are almost done or they become tough.

A pound of fish filets serves 3 people generously, but you can get 4 portions out of it if you serve some soup first or cook an extra vegetable.

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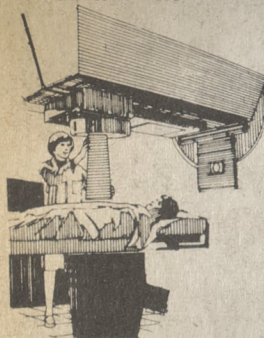
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