

Officers complete training

State Corrections Commissioner Glen R. Jeffes has announced that eight state and 10 county correctional employees have completed three weeks of basic training at the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections' Eastern Academy in Dallas.

The employees received certificates of completing during ceremonies at the State Correctional Institution (SCI) at Dallas on July 26.

All new employees of the state correctional system are required to participate in seven weeks of training at the beginning of their employment with the department. This includes one week of basic training on site, three weeks of basic training at one of the department's two training academies at Camp Hill and Dallas and three weeks of job orientation at the work site. County corrections employees are also required to attend the state sponsored basic training.

During the three-week training, courses such as communications skills, inmate behavior, self-defense, understanding and dealing with narcotics, search procedures, report writing and riot control are offered. The purpose of the course is to familiarize and prepare employees for work in an institution setting.

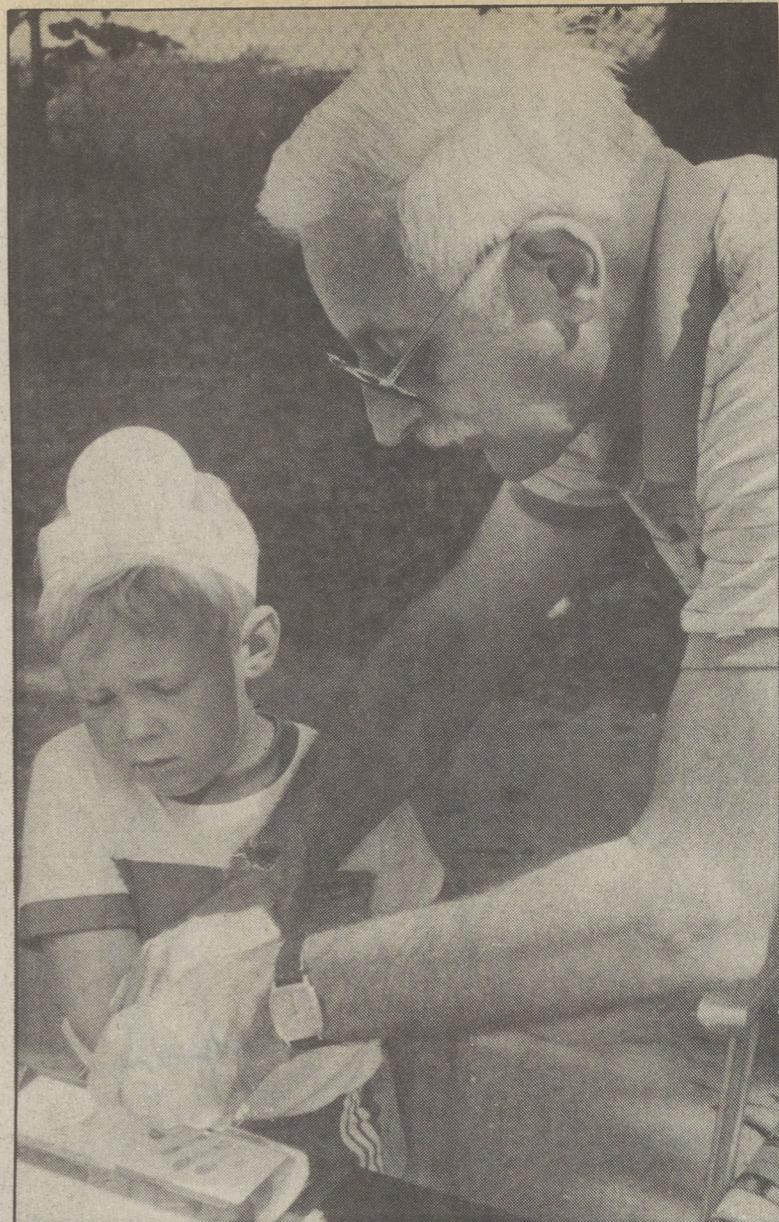
In fiscal year 1984-85, the two academies trained 668 state and 382 county employees, for a combined total of 86 weeks of basic training.



Safety Day group

Some of the younger Back Mountain residents who participated in Community Safety Day at Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas on Saturday are shown here with McGruff, the crime prevention dog. From left, first row, Sheila Smith, Amy Kerr, Lisa Makara, Megan Rogan, Amy Rogan. Second row, Amy Michael, Griffin Bicking, Blake Bicking, Kristen Rogan, Nikkie Makara, Tommy Ladamus, Wendy Kerr and Missy Makara.

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Printing fingers

Richard Alters of the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club is shown here as he fingerprints Blake Bicking. The fingerprinting program was part of Safety Day which was conducted by the Dallas Crime Watch Organization on Saturday at the Gate of Heaven School.

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Your Social Security

A person who returns to work after beginning to receive Social

Security retirement checks may be entitled to increased benefits as a result of the additional earnings, Thomas Lavelle Social Security manager in Wilkes-Barre, said recently.

Social Security automatically refigures the benefit after the additional earnings are credited to the person's record.

"These people are also eligible for a special credit that can mean a larger benefit for them," Lavelle said. "This credit adds three percent a year — or ¼ of one percent

for each month the person does not get benefits because he or she worked after 65. This additional credit also increases the payments made to widows and widowers.

"For workers who become 65 in 1990, the delayed retirement credit will gradually increase until it reaches eight percent," Lavelle said.

More information about delayed retirement credits can be obtained at the Wilkes-Barre Social Security office, located at Room 2227, 20 N. Pennsylvania Ave. The telephone number is 826-6371.

DISTRICT COURT REPORT

A Kingston man will face a charge of Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI) today in District Justice Earl Gregory's court, The Dallas Post has learned.

Charged with DUI is Robert Brennan of 947 Schuyler Avenue, Kingston. Brennan was stopped on June 30 by Kingston Township police after they noticed Brennan's vehicle swerving along route 309 near Duke Issacs.

Brennan had been scheduled to appear before Gregory on July 31, but appeared without defense council and Magistrate Gregory ordered him to apply for a public defender. The hearing was continued until Brennan could secure a defense lawyer.

According to the complaint filed with Gregory, Kingston Township patrolman Joseph Bren stopped Brennan on Route 309 near St. Paul's Church and Brennan reportedly got out of his car and staggered toward the police cruiser.

Church robbed

Kingston Township Police are investigating the July 27 theft of \$150 stolen from The Assembly of God Church, Carverton Road.

Police Chief Paul Sabol said there were no visible signs of forced entry at the church and that the money was taken from the cash draw used in the operation of the church's Day Care Center.

Police are continuing their investigation.

Trees available

The National Arbor Day Foundation is given 10 free trees to people who become Foundation members during August, 1985.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's effort to promote tree planting throughout America.

A Colorado Blue Spruce, Red Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Red Oak, European Mountainash, Black Walnut, Silver Maple, Norway Spruce, Green Ash and Sugar Maple tree will be given to members joining during August. The six to 12 inch trees will be shipped this fall at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10. They will be sent postage paid with enclosed planting instructions.

These trees were selected because they provide a wide range of benefits: flowers, berries and nuts, as well as shade and beautiful foliage, according to the Foundation.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31, 1985.

Stories sought

The Keystone Safety Belt Network is looking for people whose lives were saved because they wore seat belts.

The group is a statewide coalition that is trying to get a belt use law passed in Pennsylvania. For events they are planning, they would like to have people, whose use of seat belts prevented serious injuries or saved their lives, tell their own stories.

Those who have had such experiences, know of others who have, or anyone interested in more information about a Pennsylvania seat belt law is asked to contact Juli McGreevy at the Pennsylvania Medical Society, 20 Erford Road, Lemoyne, Pa. 17043, (717) 763-7151.

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