

# The Mountaineer

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# Federalists Capture Governorship, Supreme Court and Board of Public Works Assembly Programs Instruct and Entertain

by completing the enrollment of the gram for the first part of the week. is an example of action, and those atcity and political party, distribution of supplies including a Manual of Government, the West Virginia Blue Book.

LINCOLN COX West Virginia Dept. Commander



Department Commander Lincoln Cox recalled to the citizens of Boys State their obligation to a sponsoring organization back home and requested them to discharge that responsibility by making a personal-appearance report while extending the appreciation of the American Legion for the support of the local civic, fraternal, religious, and patriotic groups throughout the State.

Commander Cox also thanked the many volunteer counselors who ac-High School, "K.P." explained how he cepted duties in guidance and explanation of government for the week.

for the week, and the inspection by the medical officer to determine that each boy was physically able to participate and was free of communicable diseases, before 4:00 P.M., at which time the citizens gathered at the Assembly Hall for the first assembly. Until the closing of the seswith the band in athletics the other Staters

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON

brought introduction to counselors prior to the dinner hour. Eighth Disand instructions in procedures. The trict Commander Bob Lester, the Govcitizens learned the history of the ernor's Party and many visitors wit-State from one of the men responsible nessed the review. for its founding back in 1936. William 1 G. Stathers, of Clarksburg, W. Va.+ Other officials who were present were Governor Underwood addressed the also introduced. Chief Counselor W. State in a meeting in the dining hall. R. Fugitt presented Dean Hunne- He flew in from Charleston, and left

Opening the 22nd session of the Boys State to preside over the assembly Governor Underwood, quoting an

#### SUNDAY NIGHT — 7:30 P.M.

the formation of political parties, the dustrial and Publicity Commission, election and functions of a party exec- and Trooper James Atkins, West Virutive committee, a senatorial commit- ginia State Police. He was introduced tee and a judicial circuit committee. by Dr. R. J. Vassar, Vice President of These matters were explained to the Boys State and a member of the West citizens by Frank Taylor, Jr., a former Virginia Senate. Boys Stater, now a senior law-student at the University of West Virginia.

After further introduction of the counselors assigned to political parties, Civil Service Commission adminisanswering questions on procedure, tered a 20 minute, 40 question, multhe county counselors and the citizens tiple-choice "Boys State Examination" went to their respective cottages. By on principles and practices of our Fed-10:30 P.M., the sponsors of the Na- eral Government, Mr. James C. Tavtionalist and Federalist parties were for of the Commission's Cincinnati in session with the state executive office was the representative who also

#### MONDAY

The first citizen assembly was opened by our incumbent Governor Dean Hunneshagen, who presented Gene Groves of Terra Alta, both of whom represented Mountaineer Boys State at Boys Nation, They spoke of their various experiences in Washington and during their attendance on the campus of the University of Maryland. College Park, where the Legion's national government school is established for a week's study

#### TUESDAY

For the second time Boys State had an exchange student present from Germany. Klaus-Peter Weimer of West Berlin was brought to America by the American Field Service and has spent a year in an American home at Clendenin where he attended Clendenin had been chosen to come to America presented a film entitled "Light on learning the Mountaineer Boys State merit system of employment. song, "Men of Tomorrow,

#### WEDNESDAY

Traditionally, Wednesday is reserved for the inauguration of the sion the following Saturday morning, newly elected officials of the State. actual governmental experiences. in study of political procedurac in study of political procedurac in section of the Supreme Court of Appeals of conduct and achievement. Cadet Ackeach boy found himself engaged in Honorable Chauncey Browning, Judge study of political procedures, in par- West Virginia, administered the oath of office to the Governor, the memor in the exchange of fellowship with bers of the Board of Public Works and the Boys State Supreme Court of Appeals. After the inauguration, a formal review of the citizens was held The opening assembly of the week in connection with RETREAT just

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

#### American Legion Mountaineer Boys lies and sessions of the Board of Pub- Ernest Hemmingway statement, "never State at 1:00 P.M., Sunday, June 7, lie Works until his successor was confuse motion with action," paid 1959, the proficiency of the Coun-elected and qualified. Following a few tribute to the American Legion for selors matched that of previous years introductory remarks about the pro- making Boys State possible. "The State citizens, the assignment to county, the meeting was adjourned for dinner, tending will be expected by your ment , . ." Underwood stated. The This assembly was given to the in- Governor was flown here by his pilot, a Boys State T-Shirt as formal dress troduction of the staff of counselors Edsel France and was accompanied to the citizens, and to instruction in by Mr. Don Crislip, Director of In-

#### THURSDAY

For the first time the United States



and compared life in his country to Democracy." Distributed to each citithat in America. After answering zen was an envelope kit. "Know your questions from the Staters, the re- Government," containing materials on mainder of the time was spent in the operation of the Government's

The sixth annual West Point repre sentative, Cadet James Acklin, III Toledo. Ohio, was selected to appear with the film, "The West Point Story. and to answer questions about entrance qualifications and standards of



West Point Cadet James Acklin, III

lin stated that 122,000 graduates have Point since it was established in 1802.

#### FRIDAY

Cadet D. C. Tocado, Harper, W. Va., and representative of the United States Air Force Academy presented the Academy. Cadet Tocado passed life of a Cadet.

eral hours with musical numbers, hu- getting along,

# **Election Results**

Governor: Bill Shaffer (F) defeated Bob Secret (N).

Secretary of State: Ronald DeCarlo (N) defeated John Schrader (F). Auditor: Larry Starcher (N) defeated Clyde Kile (F),

Superintendent of Schools: George Treharne (N) defeated Charles Hylton (F). Commissioner of Agriculture:

James Stonestreet (F) defeated Alvin Benson (N). Attorney General: John Curtis (F) defeated Stephen Beatty (N).

Treasurer: John Madia (F) defeated Louis Corey (N). Supreme Court: Sam Feazell (F), Eric Myrland (F), William

Teano (F), David Haddad (N), and Joseph Cinalli (N).

The unsuccessful nominees for the Supreme Court of Appeals were: Gary Lockhart (F), Ronald Reed (F). Darrell Williams (N). Richard Waddell (N), and Richard



Air Force Academy Cadet

# Two Citizens Chosen

In a system patterned after the U. S. Senate organization, the American Legion sponsors Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. for the purpose of teaching federal government to representatives from the Boys States. Pete A. Kerr, Wellsburg, the designated outstanding citizen of Calhoun Nation July 17 to 24, 1959.

morous monologues, chorus singing. etc. A Sax solo from Marion County and a Sword Dance and Chorus from Upshur County tied for first place.

#### THE MARINES LANDED

supervision of Boys State were seven members of the U.S.M.C. from permanent locations in West Virginia under the command of Captain Sam Englehart, With a zest, and without any undue emphasis on military procompleted the requirements of West cedures, they entered into the life of the boys, advising and guiding them through the intricacies of the 3 branches of government while being the unobtrusive examples of those factors which produce rugged physical fitness. Outstanding in the mema film on the Air Force Academy and ory of many of the boys will be the gave a summary of requirements, cadence accompanying the movement qualifications, etc., for entrance to of groups to classes, the whistlingmarching from the 'River Kwai," and out brochures on the Academy and the swagger stick incidents which answered questions asked by the repeatedly happened to Captain En-Staters on the various phases of the glehart. For morale and for making themselves indispensably useful no Concluding the assembly was the matter what the assignment, the 22nd annual "Talent" acts from each of Annual Boys State will long rememthe 13 cottages of Boys State. Visitors ber their camaraderie and good fel-

# **Boys State And American Legion** Officers Attend

Commander Cox was present for the entire week: Third District Commander Horace Michael was County Counselor in Monongalia Cottage: Eighth District Commander Lt. Robert Lester attended the Inauguration exercises Wednesday. Tenth District Commander William Jackson attended Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Past Commander Charles E. Booth attended Sunday and Monday sessions, and the first President of the Corporation, W. J. Stathers addressed the opening assembly. Department Chaplain George Cutlip helped to coordinate the program for 5 of the 7 days. Corporate officers of Boys State, in addition to the Commander who is President of the corporation, were Dr. Raymond Vasser, Vice-President, attending every day; Tommy Jones, Boys State Secretary, entire week; and Ed Pauley, Treasurer, was present for the opening

# **Boys State** Closing Benediction

Lord, let me stand in the thick of the

whining Grant me the wisdom to do what is

Though a thousand false beacons are shining

shame Open my eyes to life's beauty

Let not the glitter of fortune or fame Blind me to what is my duty Let me be true to myself to the end

Let me stand to the task without whining Let me fight . . . and live as a man . . .

as a friend

are shining

# Talent Night Tie

A Sax Solo from Marion County and a Sword Dance and mixed chorus from Upshur County tied for first County of Mountaineer Boys State place at the Friday night Talent Asand Governor Bill Shaffer, Fairmont, sembly. Ohio and Braxton Counties have been selected to attend Boys tied for second place, and Webster and Monongalia Counties tied for third. The representatives from all counties displayed unusual abilities in the music, forensic and amateur entertainment acts.

a party victory in the 22nd Boys State election. His party captured four of the seven seats on the Board of Public Works and a majority of the five seats on the Supreme Court.



Governor Wm. D. Shaffer

Bill Shaffer becomes the 11th Federalist Governor winning over his Nationalist opponent Bob Secret by a vote of 233 to 106,

After the general assembly Tuesday night, the citizens attended political rallies where candidates presented their platform and debated the issues prior to the opening of the

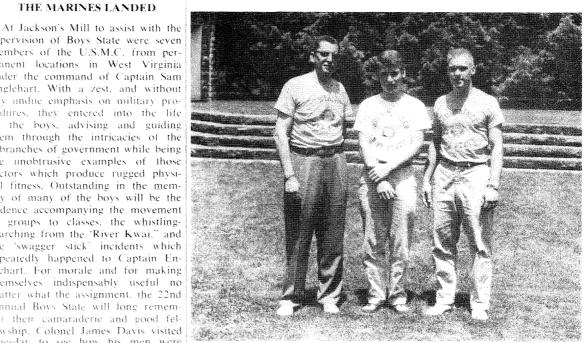
Governor Shaffer faced the same difficulty encountered by most of his Let me bear what I must without predecessors in that he faced a divided legislature in presenting his program for adoption.

## Spare me from envy and hatred and Division of Political Offices for 22 Years

The election of Bill Shaffer as the 22nd Governor of Boys State placed a tie between the Nationalists and Federalists parties 11-11, for the occupancy of the governorship of Mountaineer Boys State. The tie also exists Though a thousand false beacons in the election to the Board of Public Works between the parties 77-77. The Nationalists have, however, built up a 62-45 lead in election to the Supreme Court of Appeals. The analysis during the history of Boys State is:

Governor	! !	t.	1 1	N	
Secretary of State	12	$\mathbf{F}$	()	$\mathbb{N}$	
Supt. of Schools	. 9	10	1.3	N	
Attorney-General	12	$\mathbb{H}'$	10	N	
Auditor	9	F	13	N	
Treasurer	1 -1	7-1	8	N	
Comm. of Agriculture	10	ĺ	13	$\sim$	
Bd. of Public Works-					
Total	77	1	77	Ν	
Court—Total	45	1-1	62	Ν	
Grand Total	122	}-	130	N	

#### WELCOME EXTENDED EXCHANGE STUDENT

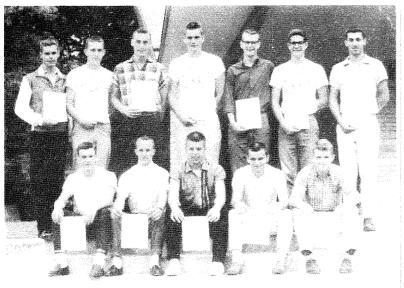


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K. P. Weimer

Gov. Hunneshagen

# **OUTSTANDING CITIZENS**



Sitting left to right: Gary Reeves, Larry Eskew, Robert Reger, William Standing left to right: Pete A. Kerr, Joe Lockhart, Bill Barnard, Brant from home and from neighboring lowship, Colonel James Davis visited

Seacrist, Tom Melton, Wayne Rich, Bob Secret. Absent when the picture communities were entertained for sev-| Tuesday to see how his men were was taken was Robert DeCarlo.

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To the Counselors



W. R. Fugitt

Much of the success of Boys State rests with a select and competent group of possess the qualities of interest in problems of youth and a willingness to contribute time and effort to guide them to a better understanding of our form of government and the operation of its component parts. Each year we are favored by some fifty volunteers to whom the American Legion is deeply indebted for their efforts, in whom the parents may place their confidence, and with whom the citizens join in many facets of cooperation, fellowship and trust while learning the principles of American Government through active participation in elective and experience of fixes. and appointive offices.

### To the Sponsors

The numerous organizations that provide the sponsorship of the 342 boys should be proud of the efforts of the boys in adapting themselves to the strict requirements of achievement expected of them by the lecturers and counselors. By this degree of study and accomplishment, the citizens express their thanks to the sponsors for their support.

Knowing the difficulties of local selection, we are further indebted to the High School Principals for adherence to high standards of Scholarship and Character. Without this cooperation the purposes of the Legions' School of Citizenship would be lost in the shuffle of preference and the efforts of the counselors would be dissipated by inertia and ineptitude.

Therefore, personally and as a representative of the American Legion Department of West Virginia, our gratitude is expressed to those who have permitted us to be a part of this association with the potential leaders whom our song characterizes as the "Men of Tomorrow."

### Citizenship Honors

At the final assembly, Saturday ties are as follows: morning, the Outstanding Citizens from the thirteen cottages of Boys State were announced. The selections are based upon the traits exhibited by the citizens during the week in Loyalty, Industriousness, Cooperation, and Participation. The awards are made to those boys in each county who are selected as exhibiting these qualities to the greatest degree. The G. E. Heller citizenship certificate is presented to these outstanding citizens denoting their achievements and the home high school receives a certificate announcing the honors won by one of its students.

Barbour-Wayne Rich, Charleston Braxton-Larry Eskew, St. Albans Ohio-Brant Seacrist, Hansford Gilmer-William Robert Manuel, Jr., Martinsburg

Calhoun-Pete Andrew Kerr,

Lewis-Bill Barnard, Beckley

Randolph-Robert DeCarlo,

Morgantown

Upshur-Robert Reger, Buckhannon

Kanawha—Bob Secret, Clarksburg

Marion—Joe Lockhart, Parkersburg

Monongalia-Joe Wright, Charleston

Webster-Tom Melton, Huntington

Monroe-Gary Reeves, Clarksburg

The Outstanding Citizens by coun-Wellsburg

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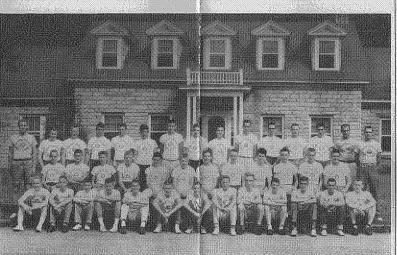


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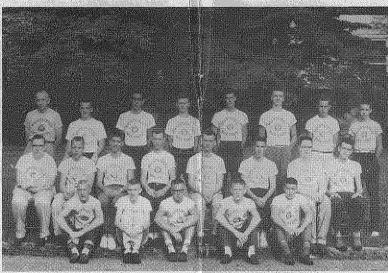
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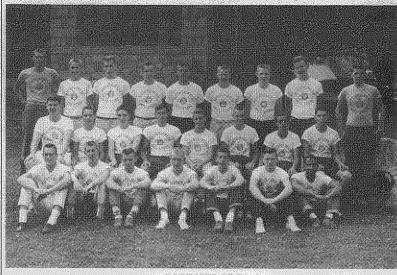
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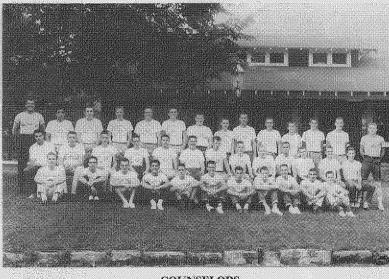
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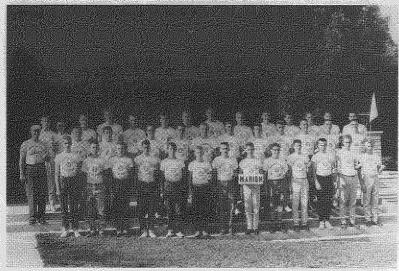
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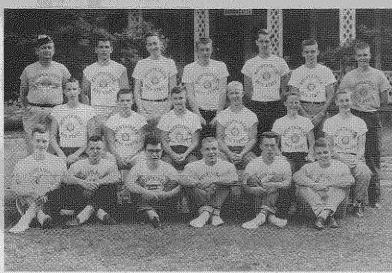
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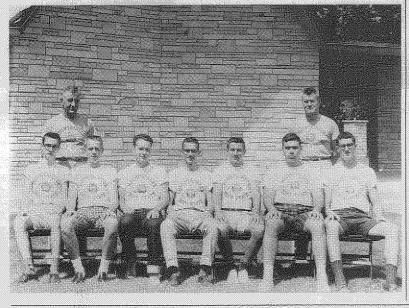
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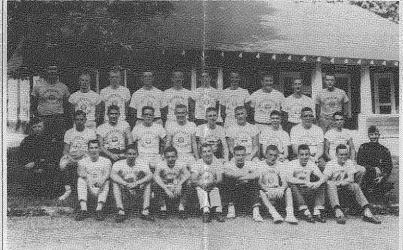
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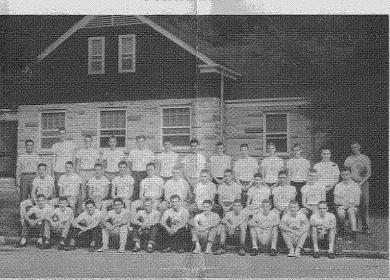


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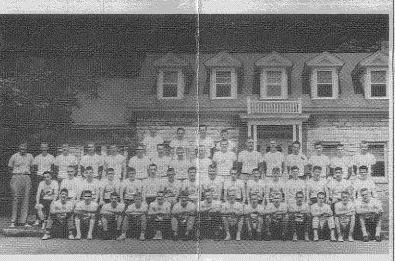
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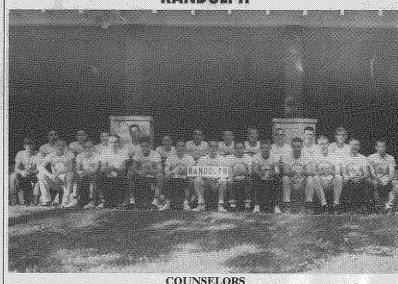
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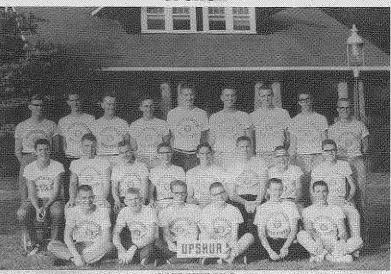
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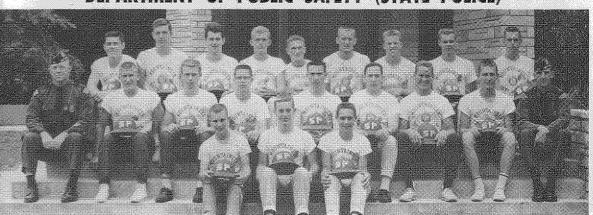
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# YEAR BY YEAR HISTORY OF BOYS STATE



LESLIE G. REED Governor, 1936

More than 300 boys came to Jackson's Mill on June 6, 1936, for the first Boys State. The camp was more or less in the nature of an experiment but it turned out remarkably well. The highlight of the State was the work of the Legislature. Among the outstanding speakers on the program were Governor H. Guy Kump, Col. W. H. Waldron, Attorney-General H. A. "Rocky" Holt and C. M. "Chuck" Wilson. William G. Stathers of Clarksburg, was department commander of the Amercian Legion and president of Boys State. Leslie G. Reed of Clarksburg won the Governor post by a 5 to 1 majority over Orin Conaway of Sistersville.

A total of 413 boys, the largest number in history, crowded Jackson's Mill for the second Boys State. Paul Cronin of Weirton, was elected governor over Bud Spelsburg, of Clarksburg, by a margin of five

A convention adopted a Boys State constitution and a general election ratified the document. An extensive court system was set up to provide more attraction and instruction for the citizens.

Among the distinguished visitors were Governor Holt, Judge Jo N. Kenna, president of the state supreme court of appeals, Col. W. H. Waldron and Homer Chaillaux. Charles Booth of Huntington was commander of the Legion and president of Boys State.





Automatic voting machines and a statewide broadcast featured the third Boys State. William Miller of Charleston, was chosen governor and received the oath of office from Judge Haymond Maxwell of the state supreme court. The ceremonies were broadcast over the statewide West Virginia network.

Automatic voting machines were installed for the first time and all citizens used them in both the primary and general elections.

For the first time citizenship in Boys State was limited to those who were juniors or seniors in high school. There were 337 in attendance.

"Men of Tomorrow," the official song of the WILLIAM G. MILLER Mountaineer Boys State, was written by Roy Lee Harmon, poet laureate of West Virginia, with music by Margaret Nicely, was sung for the first time.

More than 380 high school youths came to the 1939 Boys State and elected Rodney Wilford of Huntington, governor. The election contest was between the east and the south for the first time in the four-year history of the state.

State police were given more intensive training, the courts were better equipped, voting machines were used again and a home rule amendment was adopted. A state-wide broadcast over West Virginia Net-

work carried the inaugural ceremonies of Governor Wilford. The oath was administered by Judge Fred L. Fox, president of the state supreme court.

Governor Homer A. Holt flew to the Camp from Charleston to take part in the inaugural ceremonies.



RODNEY WOLFORD Governor, 1939



The gubernatorial contest at this state was centered in Northern West Virginia, with James Fresh of Clarksburg, and Robert Leaf, of Fairmont the two candidates. Fresh won the election with a majority of 91 votes.

Melvin Burka of Clarksburg, secretary of state, refused to sign the commission of Gordon Shingleton, Fresh's appointee as commissioner of health, upon the grounds that Shingleton was not qualified for the office. The case was carried to the supreme court of appeals which handed down a unanimous decision forcing Burka to sign the commission.

Governor Fresh appointed four men as honorary colonels on his staff. They included T. F. Williams, department commander of the Legion; Raymond J. Kelly, national Legion commander; Joseph R. Curl, Boys State Counselor in charge of the courts; and John Newcome, for four years a county counselor in camp.

Allen Simmons of Wheeling, became the second chief counselor in the history of Boys State when he succeeded R. Worth Shumaker, of Buckhannon. Mr. Shumaker resigned to accept a post with the American Legion in Indianapolis.

In the primary election Monday, Jack Lee and Bill Teel were chosen to head the Nationalist and Federalist tickets. Lee won the general election Tuesday with a majority of only five votes.

Governor James Fresh of Clarksburg, presided at the assembly until Governor Lee was sworn in by Judge Jo N. Kenna, President of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

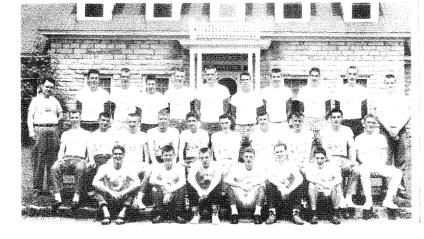
JACK LEE A draft age poll was conducted by the Mountaineer to find the opinion of the State on lowering of the draft age limit to 18 vears. A seven-vote margin gave those in favor of lowering the age the

The attendance for the 1941 State was 404

#### AN ANCIENT PROVERB FOR GUIDANCE

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not—he is foolish, shun him: He who knows not, and knows that he knows not—he is unlearned, teach him: He who knows, and knows not that he knows—he is asleep, awaken him: He who knows, and knows that he knows—he is wise, follow him

#### BOYS STATE SENATE 1959





RICHARD TURNER Governor, 1942

Dick Turner of Huntington, member of the Federalist party, was elected Governor of the first wartime Boys State, attended by more than 400 citizens, Turner defeated Ryland Miller of Charleston, by five

Featured speakers included: Governor M. M. Neely, Senator Harley M. Kilgore, R. Worth Shumaker, William G. Stathers, Judge Fred L. Fox, Dean C. R. Orten of West Virginia University.

One unpleasant feature of 1942 Boys State was the unusually rainy weather. Heavy showers fell every day, playing havoc with the various cottages.

Stuart Thayer of Charleston, secretary of Boys State won the Poling Memorial Award—a baby bond, for being the outstanding citizen of 1942.

The Board of Directors, in recognition of the exigencies of the war years, cancelled Boys State for the years 1943 and 1945.

Tom Langfitt of Clarksburg, member of the Nationalist Party, was elected Governor of the Eighth Boys State, defeating Richard Miller of Elm Grove, by a close vote of 179-173.

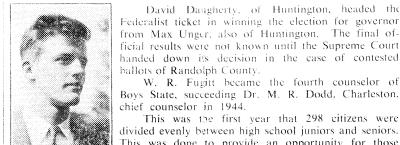
Despite the exigencies of the War and restricted transportation, 363 boys attended Boys State in 1944.

An event which will, no doubt, he remembered years to come was the announcement just before breakfast. Tuesday, June 6, that the long-expected invasion of Western Europe had been launched by the Allies.

Chief Counselor for the 1944 Boys State was Dr. M. R. Dodd, who succeeded Allen Simmons, counselor in 1942.



TOM LANGFITT



from Max Unger, also of Huntington. The final official results were not known until the Supreme Court handed down its decision in the case of contested ballots of Randolph County. W. R. Fugitt became the fourth counselor of

Boys State, succeeding Dr. M. R. Dodd, Charleston, chief counselor in 1944.

David Daugherty, of Huntington, headed the

This was the first year that 298 citizens were divided evenly between high school juniors and seniors. This was done to provide an opportunity for those who would have attended last year's camp had it been held.

DAVE DAUGHERTY

The Federalist party remained in power as Elmer Freeze of Wheeling walked off with the governor's race over James Cooper of Thomas.

A total of 3,400 citizens was reached with this year's 323 youths in attendance. James E. Hayes of Chester was the only veteran

of World War II in attendance this year. There were

Governor Freeze and John Scott of Mt. Hope were selected to attend the Second Boys Forum of National Government in Washington August 1-7.

Department commander of the American Legion was Edmund Lee Jones of Wheeling.

Outstanding action during the week was in the state legislature where the Federalists should have had a majority. The Nationalists, however, took advantage of the absence of three Feds to ram through their man as President of the upper chamber. Therefore the Governor had difficulty in getting legislation okayed.

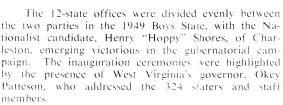


HERMANSDOERFFER

David Hermansdorffer, the Federalist candidate for Governor was swept into office in the election which carried all Federalists into the State office except the Commissioner of Agriculture and two members of the State Supreme Court.

The Governor's recommendation for adoption of Universal Military Training program was approved by the Legislature, the act including provisions for UMT graduates to become appointees to West Point and Annapolis and to replace the Officer Reserve Corps units and to provide a Bill of Rights for those men participating in the UMT program.

Past Governors Freeze and Daugherty returned with Counseling, continuing the precedent of having the retiring Governor present for the duration of the State.



An official Boys State flag was adopted by record 314-7 vote in a special election which followed Crovernor Shores' request for it in his message to the joint session of the legislature and quick passage in both houses. The approved design uses the figure of Stonewall Jackson as the main feature, surrounded by a blue circle.



RY "Hoppy SHORES HENRY Governor, 1949



TED RAKE Governor, 1950

Ted Rake. Nationalist, became the first Parkersburg Boys State Governor in an election that almost swamped the Federalist party which salvaged only the office of State Auditor and one membership on the Supreme Court. With control of the House and Senate, a constitutional amendment was submitted proposing to abolish the method of settling "tie" conjests by lot. The amendment was approved by a large majority. Donald R. Wilson, Past Department Commander inspired the State with his address depicting the dangers of subversive groups in America.

A Boys State kept humming by a Legislature and a Governor of different political parties: a campaign reminiscent of early days featuring a parade placards and banners; lusty singing of 'Men of Tomorrow', the official Boys State song and the new and popular 'sound-off' chant; a new roll-call stunt in assembly; the selection of county representatives for 'Outstanding Citizenship' awards; and the Legislature's defeat of the administration bill to establish an Inaugural Ball; these were the ingredients of the 14th Mountaineer Boys State. The Federalists elected the Governor but the Nationalists captured four of the remaining six posts on the Board of Public Works. won a 3-2 majority on the Supreme Court and control of both houses of the Legislature.



ROBERT MORGAN



JIM ST. CLAIR

Continuing the dominance of the Federalists by majorities in the Senate and House of Delegates, Governor St. Clair's regime. however, ran into difficulty when the Nationalists out-maneuvered his party and organized the House of Delegates. In spite of this disadvantage, the Governor won support for his budget bill, secured passage of a pest control bill, legislation to authorize the extension of the session to 10 days, and for the paving of the outdoor athletic courts at Jackson's Mill. Governor St. Clair was chosen to represent West Virginia at Boys Nation in Washington during July.

The 1953 Boys State election produced a Nationalist governor but left the state administration

Rusself A. "Rat" Thom, Jr., of Charleston defeated Glenn "Whitey" Sedam of Nutter Fort but lost the Board of Public Works 4-3 to the Federalists. The legislature was badly divided with a 12-12 tie in the Senate and the Federalists a 26-22 margin in the House. The Governor, however, had a 4-1 majority on the Supreme Court.

The legislature passed one of its most far-reaching bills this year when it authorized Governor Thom to help establish a Youth Safety Driving Council



RUSSELL A. THOM

which would encompass every student in every high school in the state. The legislature set up a North-South-East-West turnpike commission and voted to allow 18-year-olds to vote.



CHARLES F. LUCAS Governor, 1954

though the regular legislation providing for the shift of the soft drink tax to the state's liquor monopoly and the continuation of the Youth Safety Councils throughout the state were passed by safe margins. When the extraordinary session failed to convene, a test case was prepared and presented to the Supreme Court restraining an increase in salary for the Commissioner of Agriculture. Voting machines were used for the official election for the first time since 1939.

During this year Governor Lucas discovered the

difficulties attendant upon organization of a Legisla-

ture controlled by the opposition party. Partisanship

delayed the passage of the budget bill and caused a

call for an extraordinary session for this purpose al-

Governor Dudding's term began with serious difficulties because of a divided House and Senate, but these were soon won over by the serious approach to major legislation on the part of the Governor and Board of Public Works. The use of voting machines facilitated the count-

ing of results from a complicated ballot. A series of excellent evening programs by Governor Marland, Justice Chauncey Browning, Rev. Walter Overstreet, and West Point Cadet Gene Wilson provided instruction, guidance, and entertainment. For the first time in the history of the State, the West Virginia Legislature set aside a joint session during January, 1956, for an address by Governor Dudding and the West Virginia

offices to their counterparts from Boys State.



BURTON A. DUDDING Board of Public Works gave the afternoon to consultation and study of the.



JOHN FRYE

The pattern of Boys State politics was repeated this year as the governorship was won by a party which failed to provide him with a majority in the Legislature. Governor John Frye was designated to attend Boys Nation in Washington, from which he emerged as the President. . . an outstanding honor and distinction for himself and the State. W. R. Fugitt observed his connection with Boys State since 1942 . . . and his 12 years as Chief Counselor. Plans were made to celebrate the 20th annual session of Boys State next year by a program for all Past Governors. For the second time the West Virginia Legislature adopted a concurrent resolution for a joint session

in February to hear an address by Governor Frye, following which the members of both Boards of Public Works visited and conferred with each

John Kile became the 10th Federalist Governor. but the Supreme Court and Board of Public Works were captured by the Nationalist nominees. The Federalist's controlled the Senate by the narrow margin of 14-12, but lost the House of Delegates to the Nationalists 27-25. Governor Kile faced the same difficulty encountered by most of his predecessors in that he faced a divided legislature in presenting his program for adoption. During Governor Kile's term of office, the State celebrated it's Twentieth Anniversary and was host to the past governors of Mountaineer Boys State at a banquet in their honor. For the first time a program was presented by Midshipman Don Thompson from the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The State viewed the



JOHN F. KILE Governor, 1957 'Annapolis Story," and the Staters showed a solid interest in the Academy by the many questions presented to Midshipman Thompson. For the first time, the Mountaineer Boys State Flag was flown.



Dean Hunneshagen became the 11th Nationalist Governor, and his party also carried the majority of the Board of Public Works and the Supreme Court For the third time, the West Virginia Legislature adopted a concurrent resolution for a joint session in February to hear an address by Governor Hunneshagen, following which the members of both Boards of Public Works visited and conferred with each other. For the first time, a program was presented by two exchange students who were in America through the sponsorship of the American Field Service. Governor Underwood flew to the Camp from Charleston to speak to the State, and Judge Chauncey Browning adminis-

DEAN HUNNESHAGEN tered the Oath of Office to the Governor, the members of the Board of Public Works and the Boys State Supreme Court of Appeals at the inauguration ceremonies held in the amphitheatre.

## 1959 BOYS STATE SUPREME COURT

