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New '61 Governor May Lack Control Of Legislature

When the general election is over and the 1961 governor of American Legion Boys State gets down to business, one of his problems probably will be with the state legislature.

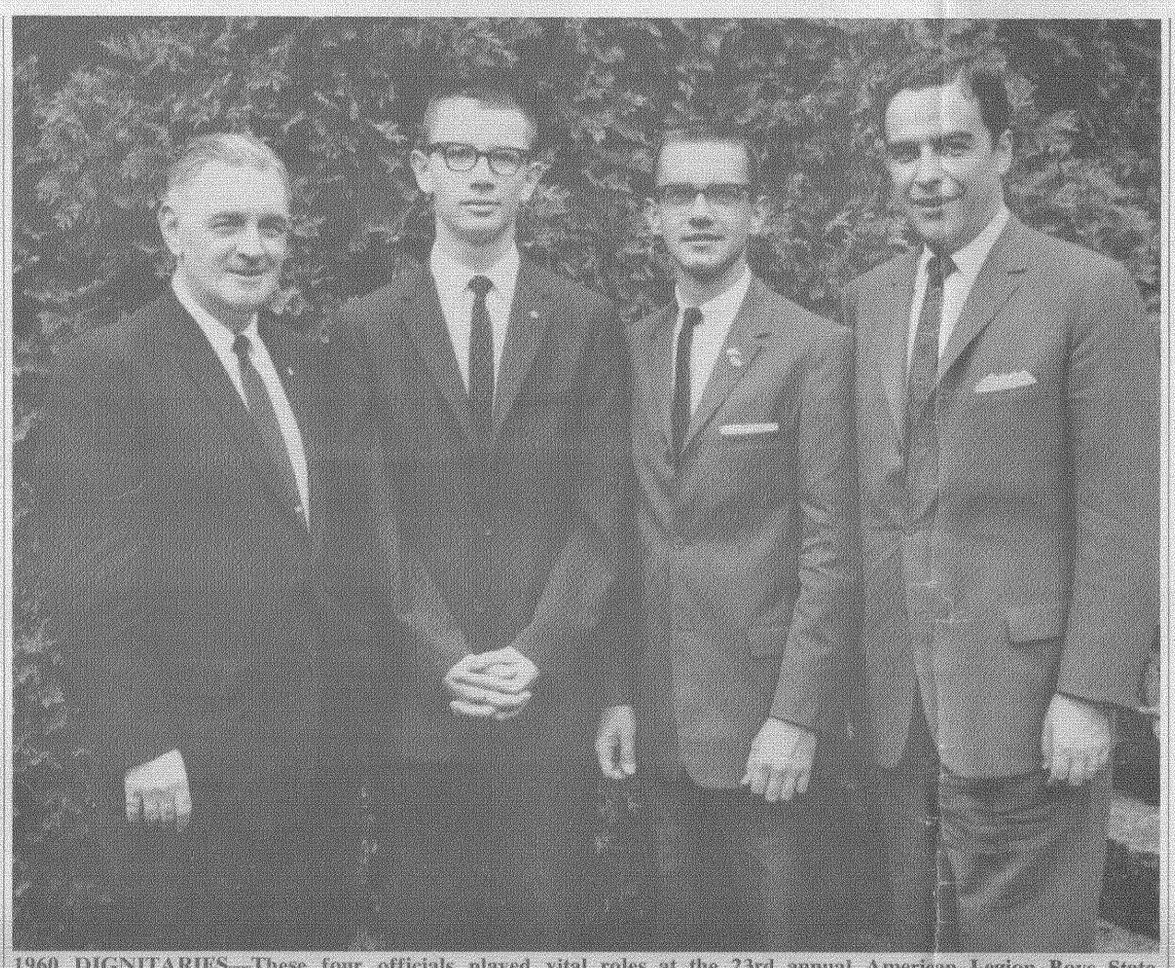
Since Nationalist-Federalist political ties are not too strong, the governor often finds himself with no legislative control. At best, he may have one house of the legislature in the control of his party.

Consider what happened last year to Governor Dean Thompson. He went to bed Tuesday night knowing that he was the 23rd governor of Boys State. But he had no word on the make-up of the legislature. By morning, however, he found that an unusual distinction was his: for the first time in the history of Boys State, both houses were evenly divided. The Senate had a 13-13 split while the House of Delegates was divided 26-26.

In the organization of the Senate, the traditional flip of a coin gave the presidency to Don Wade, a member of the governor's Federalist party.

The contest in the House was resolved differently. After two tie votes, a member of the governor's own party broke ranks and helped elect Nationalist Bill Keith as speaker.

Something unusual will probably happen in 1961, too.



1960 DIGNITARIES—These four officials played vital roles at the 23rd annual American Legion Boys State. Judge Chauncey M. Browning, (left) of the State Supreme Court of Appeals, swore in the new officials. Gov. Dean Thompson and his predecessor, former governor William D. Shaffer, were on the platform with then-governor Cecil H. Underwood. When Gov. Underwood was a member of the House of Delegates more than 10 years ago, he was a staff counselor at Boys State.

24th Boys State Set For June 4 Opening

When Governor Dean Thompson gavels the 24th annual American Legion Boys State to order on June 4, his audience will contain the 8,000th West Virginian to attend the week-long citizenship training camp.

Meeting in the Assembly Hall at the State 4-H camp where every other Boys Stater has been introduced to the state, the 1961 group will hear Gov. Thompson start them on their action-packed training program. By week's end, Boys State will have graduated its 8,224th citizen.

There are three major high spots in activity for the first three full days: the primary campaign and election on Monday, the general on Tuesday, and the inauguration of the new Boys State governor Wednesday as Governor W. W. Barron looks on.

Sunday is a day of preparation for the fast-paced events which follow. A rundown of the day's activities in 1960 will give the '61 class an idea of what to expect:

1:00pm Check-in time at Harrison Cottage. Draw bedding, report to assigned county, meet your county counselor.

4:00pm Assembly program. General introduction.

5:15pm Your initial introduction to the best food in West Virginia.

7:30pm Assembly program. Discussion of the role of political parties. Instructions for the events immediately ahead. Preparation for the primary election.

9:30pm Return to counties. Each political party in each county selects one member of the state executive committee, other election campaign officials.

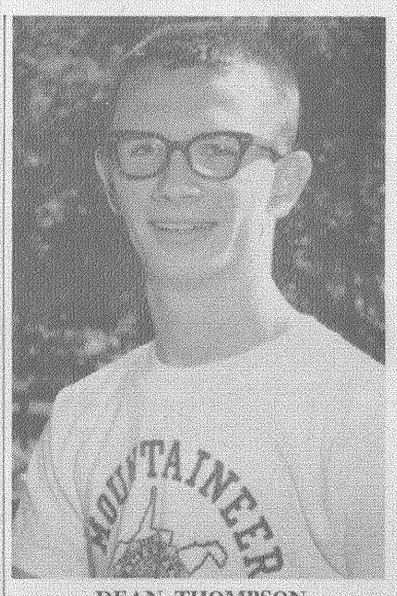
10:00pm Nationalist and Federalist state executive committees meet separately at headquarters to choose a state chairman for each party.

FAST-PACED DAY

Candidates for all state offices begin Monday morning activity by filing certificates of candidacy with the Secretary of State. Candidates for the state legislature, county and city offices file with their county counselors.

The deadline for filing is at noon Monday.

Monday afternoon is only partly occupied with class work but the main activity is in "politiking." Candidates make their way from county to county in an attempt to line up enough votes to assure nomination in the primary. Red and blue badges signify party affiliation and no time is wasted Monday with members of the opposition party. Their votes are of no assistance in a primary election.



DEAN THOMPSON

Polls open Monday evening after the assembly program adjourns. By midnight the final totals are available at headquarters. Successful candidates fall asleep in the quietness of the valley of the West Fork River as they plot strategy for the following day.

The general election is slated for Tuesday evening following the assembly. Final returns are usually reported about 11:00pm.

Judge Chauncey M. Browning of the State Supreme Court of Appeals is again scheduled to administer the oath of office to the newly-elected Boys State officials. Colorful ceremonies are held in the outdoor theater Wednesday afternoon. Full news coverage by newspapers and television stations carries the story of the election into every section of the state.

Even before the official inauguration, the newly-elected state officials begin to function. The new governor will address a joint session of the State Legislature. He will also meet with his Board of Public Works to draft a budget.

Because of the narrow margins of victory in Boys State elections, the control of the legislature is rarely held by the party winning the governor's office. At most, the governor's party will have control of one house.

Boys State Campaign Winners Pick Slogans For Drive to Poll Victory

The ingenuity of Boys Staters in conducting political campaigns was much in evidence again in 1960.

With the state regulation barring use of material prepared at home, citizens turned to crayons, poster paper, the mimeograph and cellophane tape to prepare a variety of material for their campaigns.

Slogans again were a mainstay. With the aid of a name made famous in history, Stater Jeff Davis proclaimed "The South Shall Rise Again" and was elected to the Supreme Court.

The name of a popular radio detective, Johnny Dollar, helped J. D. German in his successful primary campaign and carried him on to a victory in the general election.

Bob Finch was equally successful in his campaign for the State Supreme Court of Appeals. His election was built around the slogan, "Every inch for Finch."

"Porky" Pollard proclaimed himself "well rounded" in his campaign literature and came within five votes of winning the race for secretary of state.

The main reason behind the slogans is to enable a name to be well remembered. With more than 300 citizens running for office, some candidates find it hard to make their names stick in the memory of enough voters to win an election.

Campaigns in earlier years have included the traditional features of national affairs. Many times the grounds of the 4-H camp have run to the sounds of music Tuesday night before the general election as torchlight parades have been staged by either the Nationalists or Federalists. Sometimes both parties have arranged parades.

Each Boys State party has the benefit of advice from a man with long political experience. In 1960, for example, State Senator C. H. McKnown and Delegate Louis Craig were advisers during the campaign, then assumed the duties of counselors to the legislature.

Here is the correct address for mail addressed to you at Boys State: Your name, State 4-H Camp, Weston, West Virginia. When you arrive at camp on June 4 and are asigned to one of the 13 county cabins, you will be asked to write home immediately giving the name of your cabin.

Thompson Promises Alumni Association In Inaugural Talk

"Boys State and its good work will live forever," Governor Dean Thompson predicted in his 1960 inaugural address.

In brief remarks at the impressive Wednesday afternoon ceremonies, the new governor said:

"This honor that has just been bestowed upon me is undoubtedly the greatest moment of my life. I cannot begin to tell you of the thankfulness and appreciation that is within my heart.

"I am truly indebted to all of you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to this high office. As your governor, I promise to work to the best of my ability in order to make this administration the best possible."

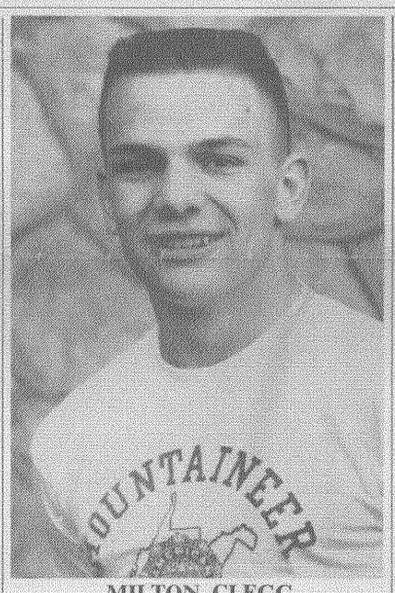
The new governor made two pledges: (1) to work for the establishment of a Boys State alumni association and (2) to seek a more extensive program of preparatory information for incoming citizens of Boys State.

"I thank my God for the friendship I have made here and the knowledge I have gained. Everyone present is destined to live and die but Boys State and its good work will live forever.

"I shall never forget being governor. I shall never forget Boys State. I shall never forget you."

Following the inaugural ceremony, citizens of the state moved to the athletic field, formed into counties, and passed in review before Gov. Thompson, Governor Underwood, Justice Browning and other dignitaries.

The annual Governor's review is one of the most spectacular events of Boys State. After forming by counties, the band first passes in review, then leads the entire state past the reviewing line. The parade ends as each county continues from the athletic field to its regular meal-time location in front of the dining hall.



MILTON CLEGG
1960 Nationalist Candidate

Although the Federalists won the highest office in the 1960 Boys State, Clegg's Nationalist party came out of the general election with half of the Board of Public Works and two of five seats on the Supreme Court of Appeals. His party also captured half of the seats in each house of the legislature.

One-Third of MBS Passes Bar Exam

The bar exam given would-be lawyers Monday afternoon of the 1960 Boys State set a new record: each of the 135 Staters taking the exam earned a passing grade.

Three Staters missed only five of the 75 questions, John Stroyl, Pat Perriello and Tommy Rowe. The two who missed six questions were Tom McKay and John Littleton.

Candidates for attorney general, judge of the supreme court and circuit judges must pass the bar exam. It is given Monday afternoon at each Boys State. The few who are unable to make the grade are removed from the ballot before the primary election Monday evening.

Two Amendments Receive Approval

Two constitutional amendments were approved by Boys State at a special election in 1960.

Voters okayed by a 326 to 15 margin a requirement that tie votes be broken by legislative action instead of by flipping a coin.

By a 285 to 56 margin, Boys State made its constitution agree with that of West Virginia in removing the office of the Superintendent of Schools from the ballot. It now becomes an appointive office.

Governor Thompson named Anthony Anastasia as the first appointive Superintendent of Schools.

Record Proves Neither Party Can Mount Win Streak

The election of Dean Thompson as the 23rd governor of the American Legion Boys State put the Federalists "one up" on the Nationalists by breaking an 11-11 tie.

Yet, considering the 160 Staters elected to the Board of Public Works, exactly half of this number came from each of the two parties. This attests to the even division of offices among each party. Although in some years, one party may stage almost a complete sweep, this evens up in the years that follow.

By including the judgeships of the Supreme Court, however, the Nationalist party has an edge of 144 to 128. Here is an analysis of all races in the history of Boys State:

Governor	12F	11N
Secretary of State	13F	10N
Supt. of Schools*	9F	13N
Attorney-General	12F	11N
Auditor	9F	14N
Treasurer	15F	8N
Agriculture Comr.	10F	13N
Total Board of Public Works	80F	80N
Supreme Court**	48F	64N
Grand Total	128F	144N

* This office became appointive in the 1960 Boys State in keeping with a change in state law.

** Our records are incomplete. In 23 years there have been 115 boys elected to the Supreme Court. We have been able to find the political parties of only 112.

Election Results

Governor: Dean Thompson (F) defeated Milton Clegg (N).

Secretary of State: Stuart Robbins (F) defeated Porky Pollard (N).

Attorney General: Blaine Michael (N) defeated Bob Martin (F).

Treasurer: J. D. German (F) defeated Bob Clements (N).

Auditor: Emanuel Gaziano (N) defeated Frank Kirkland (F).

Commissioner of Agriculture: Hobert Raikes (N) defeated David Slagle (F).

Supreme Court: Rocky Rockenstein (N), Jeff Davis (N), James Colombo (F), Andrew Zaleski (F) and Bob Finch (F).

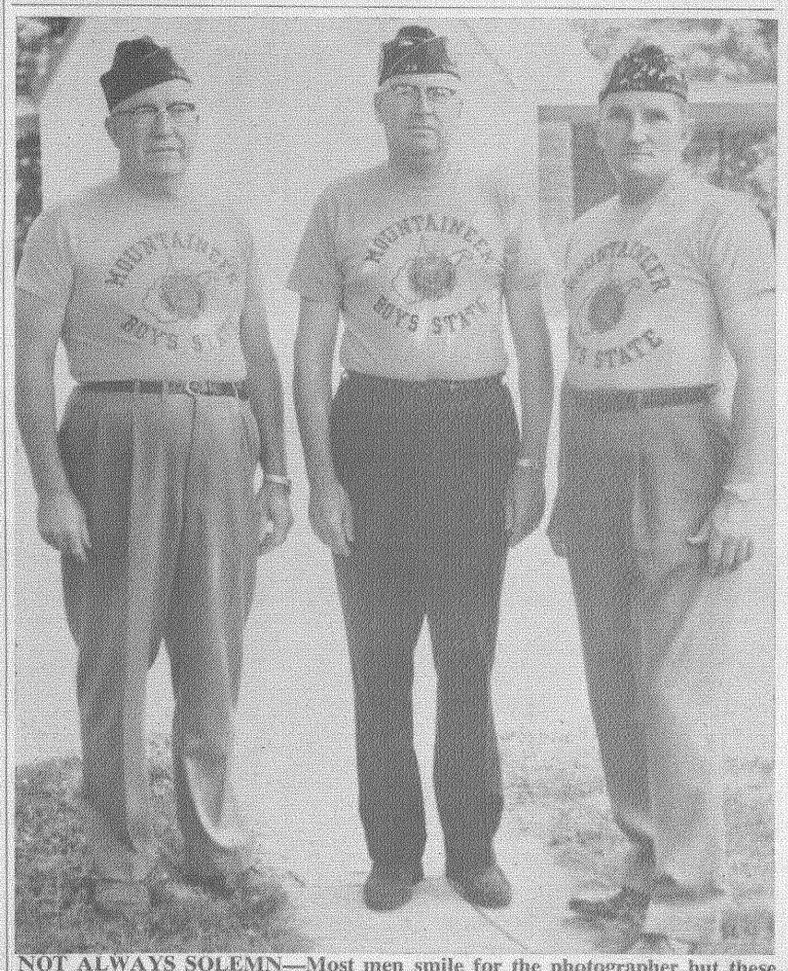
The unsuccessful court nominees were James Steele (N), Dave Crawford (N), Adolph Neidermeyer (N), Rex Booher (F) and Donald Armentrout (F).

LEGISLATURE OKAYS COURT BLACK-TOP

A basketball court in honor of a man who loved sports was approved unanimously by the 1960 legislature.

William R. Fugitt, who served as chief counselor for 14 years, will be honored by the court. It is to replace the dusty arena where Boys State basketball teams have played for many years.

Bill Fugitt became chief counselor in 1946 and held the post until his unexpected death in December 1959. In the eight previous Boys States, there had been three chief counselors. Thus, Fugitt held the position longer than any other man and is largely responsible for the instructional program which has been developed.



NOT ALWAYS SOLEMN—Most men smile for the photographer but these three were found at the 1960 Boys State in a solemn mood. Left to right are Art Rezzonico, assistant counselor, Chester Phillips, chief counselor, and Lincoln Cox, assistant counselor. All three men are veterans of the West Virginia school system. Phillips was named chief counselor last year following the death of W. R. "Bill" Fugitt, chief counselor for more than 10 years.

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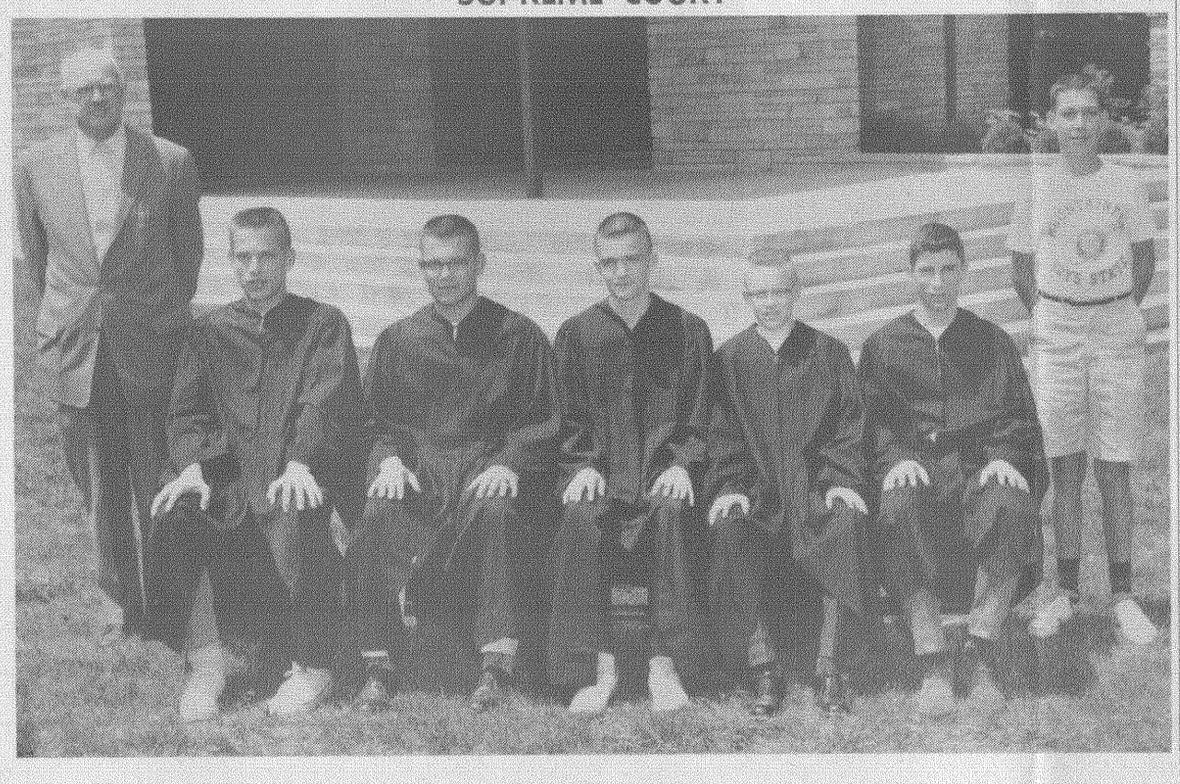
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1937	413	1951	319
1938	337	1952	329
1939	380	1953	329
1940	300	1954	339
1941	404	1955	336
1942	400	1956	347
1944	363	1957	349
1946	298	1958	345
1947	323	1959	342
1948	337	1960	345
1949	324		

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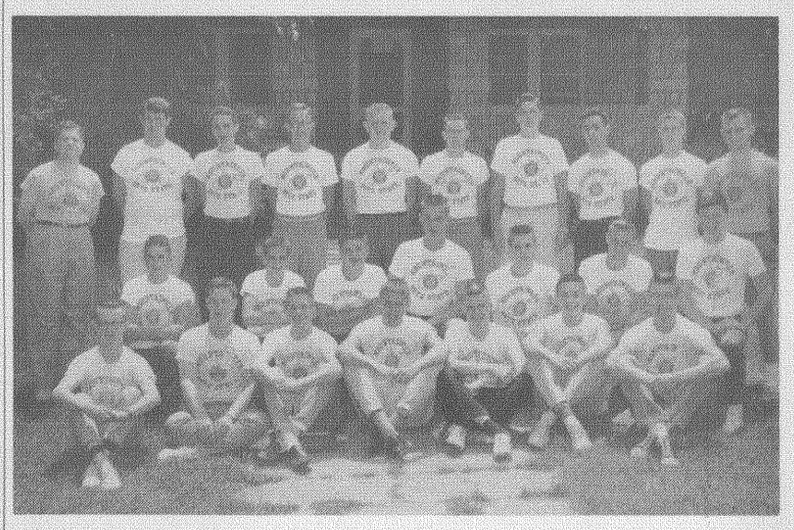
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The 1960 Boys State bugler was Herbert Smith of Milton. He was a Nationalist party member living in Ohio County cabin.

Carter Castilow, Marion, and William Moffitt, Monroe, were top winners with scores of 96 in the annual city government examination given at the 1960 Boys State.

Tied for first place in the county government exam were Hobart Raikes, Ohio, Terry Byrnes, Calhoun, and Jay Dyer, Barbour. Each had a score of 97.

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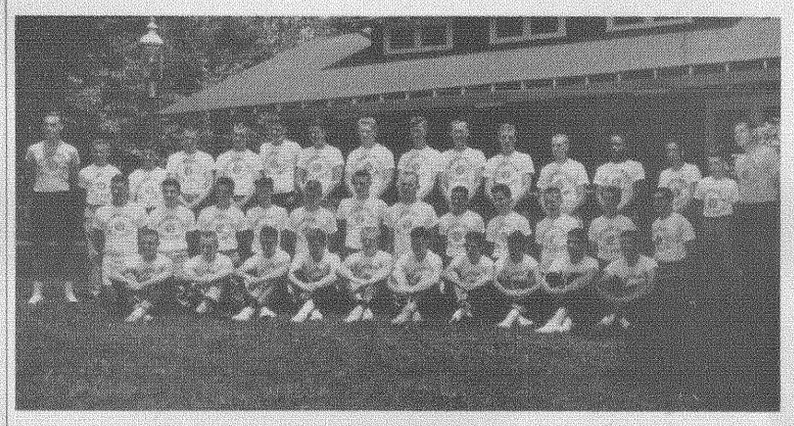
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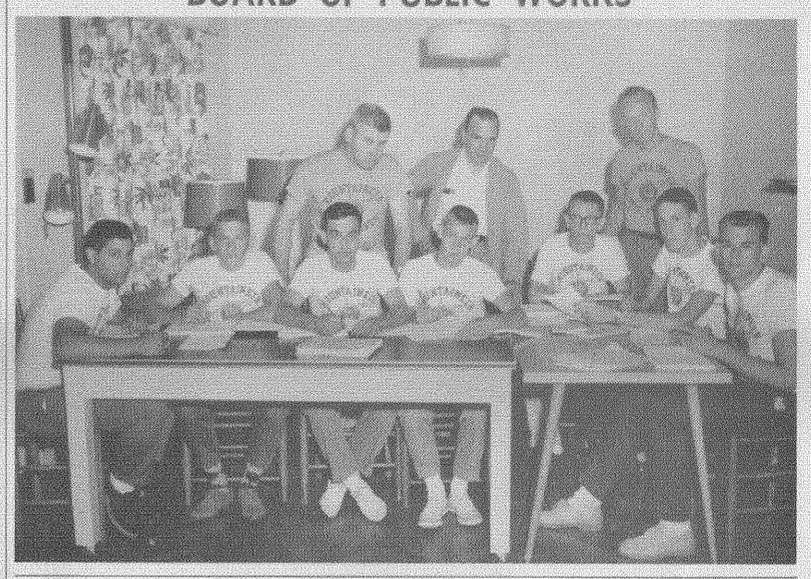
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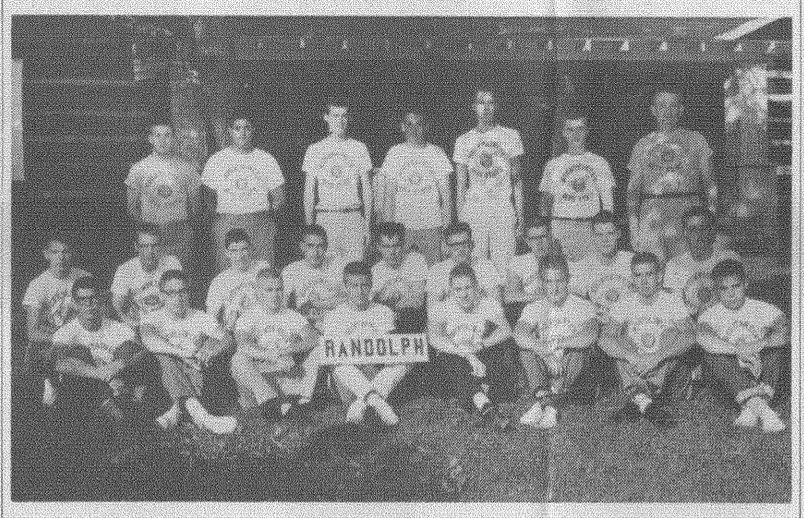
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Honor Certificates For 13 Staters Recognize Outstanding Work In 1960

Thirteen Boys Staters, each elected by the voters of his own county, received honors as Outstanding Citizens during closing ceremonies on the final day of the 1960 State.

The selections were made on the basis of loyalty, industriousness, cooperation and participation.

Each winner received the G. E. Heller citizenship certificate. A similar certificate was sent to the home high school announcing the honors won by one of its students.

The 1960 winners, their Boys State residence, and their home towns were:

Barbour — Michael Gosnell, Morgantown.

Braxton—Rodney Miller, Beckley.

Calhoun — James Schaefer, New Martinsville.

Gilmer — Andrew Zaleski, Wheeling.

Kanawha — Melford Holland, Jr., Alloy.

Lewis — James Ray, Huntington.

Monroe — Frederick Sackett, Keystone.

Marion — Donald Wade, Marmet.

Monongalia — Jim Waybright, Williamson.

Ohio — Hobert Raikes, Logan.

Randolph — Robert Porterfield, Logan.

Upshur — Joseph Hindsley, Beckley.

Webster — Fred Trenor, Huntington.

From among the 1960 winners will be selected the junior counselors who will assist in the 1961 Boys State. The program of inviting outstanding Statgers to return was begun in 1937 when the then Chief Counselor, R. Worth Shumaker, selected five from the first year's group.

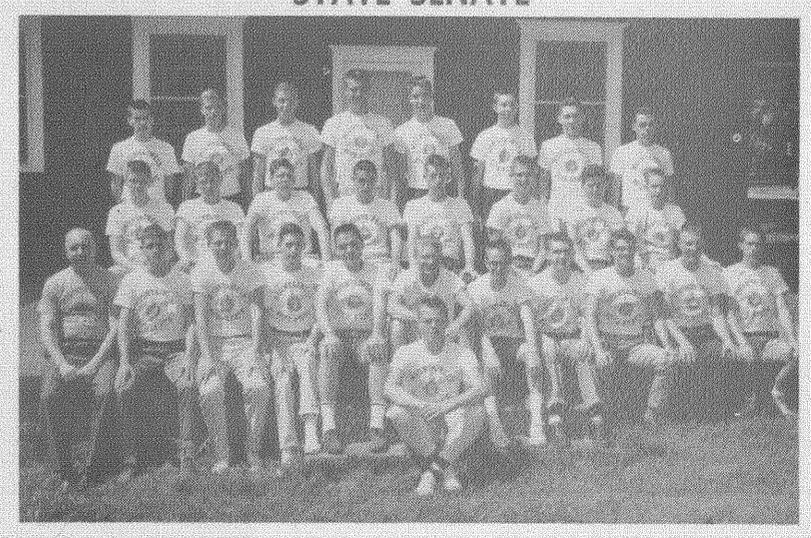
This policy was continued the following year until it developed into the present method of selection. We do not have a record of the state, however.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES



When all the ballots were counted, the Senate was split 13-13 while the House of Delegates was divided 26-26. This was the first time such a division had developed in 23 years. A Federalist, Don Wade, was named President of the Senate but one of Governor Thompson's party switched his vote in the House to elect Nationalist Bill Keith as speaker.

STATE SENATE



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 American 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.



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 votes.

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.



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" contests 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.



JOHN F. KILE
Governor, 1957

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 "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.



ROBERT MORGAN
Governor, 1951

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.



DEAN HUNNESHAGEN
Governor, 1958

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 administered 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.



PAUL CRONIN
Governor, 1937

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 votes.

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.



TOM LANGFITT
Governor, 1944

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, be 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 1944 was Dr. M. R. Dodd, who succeeded Allen Simmons, counselor in 1942.



JIM ST. CLAIR
Governor, 1952

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.



DAVE DAUGHERTY
Governor, 1946

David Daugherty, of Huntington, headed the Federalist ticket in winning the election for governor 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.

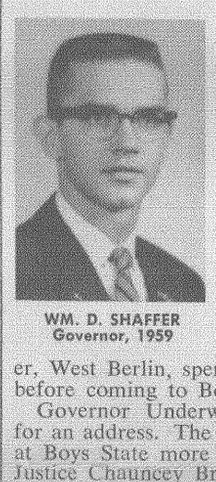
This was the first year that 298 citizens were divided evenly between high school juniors and seniors. This was done to provide an opportunity for those who would have attended last year's camp had it been held.

RUSSELL A. THOM, JR.
Governor, 1953

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

Russell 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 in 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 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.



WM. D. SHAFFER
Governor, 1959

Boys Staters elected their 11th Federalist governor — there have been 11 Nationalists — but gave Governor William Shaffer a sweep of other state offices as well. Four of the seven members of the Board of Public Works and three of the five Justices of the Supreme Court also were Federalists.

But, in typical Boys State fashion, the citizens refused to give their new governor control of the legislature.

As in 1958, an exchange student was at the State to observe a republic in action. Klaus-Peter Weimer, West Berlin, spent a year at Clendenin High School before coming to Boys State.

Governor Underwood again returned to Boys State for an address. The governor was a member of the staff at Boys State more than 10 years ago. Supreme Court Justice Chauncey Browning again administered the oath of office to the incoming officials.

Governor Bill Shaffer is the first Fairmont resident to win that high office.



WILLIAM G. MILLER
Governor, 1938

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 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.



ROBERT WILFORD
Governor, 1939

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 Network 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.



ELMER H. FREEZE
Governor, 1947

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

James E. Hayes of Chester was the only veteran of World War I in attendance this year. There were two in 1946.

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

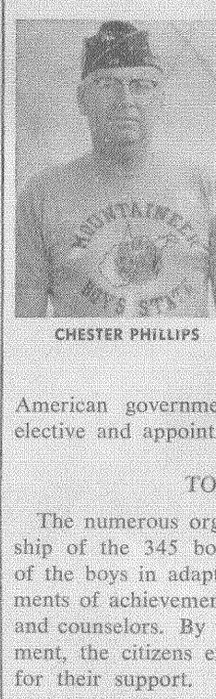
Department commander of the American Legion was Edmund Lee Jones of Wheeling.

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.



CHARLES F. LUCAS
Governor, 1954

During this year Governor Lucas discovered the difficulties attendant upon organization of a Legislature controlled by the opposition party. Partisanship delayed the passage of the budget bill and caused a call for an extraordinary session for this purpose although 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.



BURTON A. DUDDING
Governor, 1955

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 counting 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 Board of Public Works gave the afternoon to consultation and study of their offices to their counterparts from Boys State.



JAMES H. FRESH
Governor, 1940

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.



DAVID HERMANSDOERFFER
Governor, 1948

David Hermansdoerffer, 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 a 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 as junior counselors, continuing the precedent of having the retiring Governor present for the duration of the State.

HENRY "Hoppy" SHORES
Governor, 1949

The 12-state offices were divided evenly between the two parties in the 1949 Boys State, with the Nationalist candidate, Henry "Hoppy" Shores, of Charleston, emerging victorious in the gubernatorial campaign. The inauguration ceremonies were highlighted by the presence of West Virginia's governor, Okey Patteson, who addressed the 324 staters and staff members.

An official Boys State flag was adopted by a record 314-7 vote in a special election which followed Governor 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.



JACK LEE
Governor, 1941

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.

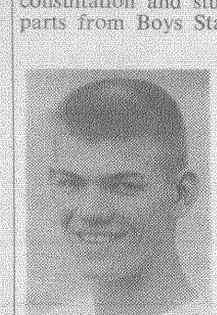
Governor James Fresh of Clarksburg, presided at the assembly until Governor Lee was sworn in by Judge Jo N. Kenna, President of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

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 years. A seven-vote margin gave those in favor of lowering the age the victory.

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.



JOHN FRYE
Governor, 1956

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 other.

CHIEF COUNSELOR'S MESSAGE

It was my honor and privilege to serve as chief counselor for the 23rd annual session of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State for the year 1960. Succeeding the late William R. Fugitt who had served for fourteen consecutive years as chief counselor was a challenge to me. Much of the success of Boys State for 1960 must be given to the members of the Headquarters Staff and to the counselors.

CHESTER PHILLIPS

It requires approximately fifty volunteers to staff Boys State. It is to these volunteers that The American Legion is deeply indebted for their efforts and 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 appointive offices.

TO THE SPONSORS

The numerous organizations that provide the sponsorship of the 345 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.

TO THE CITIZENS

As this paper is going to the 1960 members of The American Boys State I hope that each of you have put into practice in your senior year in high school, and will continue to put into practice in future years, some of the things that you have learned then your week at Boys State could not be marked up as a lost week.

To the citizens of the 1961 Boys State I want to congratulate you upon being selected to attend the 24th Annual American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. In being selected to attend you will be given the opportunity to learn about your government by actually doing.

As chief counselor of the 24th Annual Mountaineer Boys State I welcome each of you to Boys State and hope that you will have an enjoyable week — a week that you will long remember.