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TAYLOR AND JESSEE SELECTED FOR BOYS' NATION DELEGATES

HEAVY RAINFALL DISRUPTS BOYS' STATE SCHEDULING

Heavy rainfall and cold breezes, which earlier in the week had interfered with activities at Jackson's Mill, Friday cancelled the formal review and athletic events while elsewhere in the eastern part of the United States there was wide spread flooding with disruption of transportation and communications.

Concern was expressed by a few parents living in river valley areas of West Virginia and a few Boys' Staters were picked up Friday night instead of their remaining until this morning.

Blocking of several highways in certain parts of the state and likelihood of more blocking made this necessary.

Departure time is scheduled for 10 a.m. today, but Administrator Tommy E. Jones was co-operating with individual cases as they arose last night and will continue to do so this morning.

The flood situation and highway conditions throughout the state will be checked at 9 a.m. today by State Police Troopers J. L. Talley of Oak Hill and J. L. Garrett of Kingwood. This information will be announced during this morning's assembly.

While flood conditions were being surveyed at headquarters Friday afternoon Boys' Staters were in the Assembly Hall watching a West Virginia University football film, "Highlights of 1971." It was relayed here by State Police when athletic events had to be cancelled.

LARCAMP DECLARES BRIGHT YOUTH NEEDED IN BUSINESS, INDUSTRY

The trend of bright young people today to enter social services and avoid business and industry was decried here Friday night by Dr. William L. Larcamp, Union Carbide Co. research director and assistant South Charleston plant manager.

"Industry needs dedicated people with smart minds and new ideas as much as the social services" so declared the speaker.

Without them, he warned, "you may see our standard of living start to go down and down and down."

Improving productivity calls for innovations, he reminded, and this takes brains and dedication.

We need to improve productivity so fewer and fewer persons will be tied up with meeting basic needs, he said.

Less than one-half of the American people are involved now in actually making things and less than one in five works in any kind of basic industry, he said.

ECHOLS, COLLINS ARE ALTERNATES TO JULY 13-20 NATIONAL SESSION

Timothy Thomas Taylor of Masontown (Gilmer) and John Thomas Jessee of Princeton (Randolph) will represent Mountaineer Boys' State as the two senators from West Virginia at the 27th Boys' Nation July 13-20 in Washington, D.C.

Taylor served as agriculture commissioner at the 35th annual Mountaineer Boys' State June 18-24 at Jackson's Mill, and Jessee as a Supreme Court judge.

Their first alternate is Larry Dean Echols of Gap Mills (Monroe). The second alternate is Timothy Lee Collins of Wheeling (Randolph).

Selection of the four was announced by Walter Marria of South Charleston, Department finance officer and treasurer of Mountaineer Boys' State, Inc., at the Friday night assembly.

They were chosen from 25 nominees and the selection, said Marria, was not easy. The selection committee evaluated for four hours and the boys were personally interviewed.

As Boys' Staters have learned state, county and local government at Jackson's Mill this week, Taylor and Jessee will study and experience federal government at American University in Washington. Every young man at Boys' Nation will be viewed by prominent national figures as an example of the finest youth in America.

Besides Taylor, Jessee, Echols and Collins, the other 21 nominees from the 371 Boys' Staters were: Richard Watts of Huntington (Barbour); George McCarty of Parkersburg (Barbour); John Paul Byard of Moundsville (Barbour); Mark McFarland of Moundsville (Panhandle); Gary Allen Marshall of Charleston (Panhandle); William Ernest Varney of Williamson (Monongalia); Richard Edward Del Grande of Charleston (Monongalia); Bradley M. Dye of Belle (Webster); Samuel Joseph Merandi of Clarksburg (Webster); Richard Mark Allman of Mineral Wells (Monroe); Byron Marcus Mills of Pinch (Braxton); Robert James Peard of Martinsville (Braxton); John J. Polcari of Charleston (Marion); James Anthony Aluise of Huntington (Kanawha); Charles Underwood of Fairview (Kanawha); Thomas D. Dorsey of Richwood (Braxton); David Campbell of Ceredo (Calhoun); Charles H. Miesner of Clarksburg (Upshur); Timothy Patrick Humphreys of Charleston (Upshur); Normal Albert Nash III of Onea (Lewis); and Nathan Andrew Vaughan of Vienna (Lewis).

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MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. Reveille and clear quarters
7:20 a.m. Flag raising
7:25 a.m. Breakfast

En route to breakfast, take all sheets and pillowcases to office under Dining Hall. After breakfast, counselors pick up cottage certificates and packets at headquarters (Harrison) and citizens return to county cottages and straighten up for inspection.

9:00 a.m. Final Assembly
Award announcements by Administrator Tommy E. Jones
William R. Fugitt Trophy presentation by State Police Trp. J. L. Garrett

En route to assembly, take packed clothing and all other possessions with you. Deposit on porches of any of the following counties: Lewis, Marion, Kanawha or Upshur.

10:00 a.m. Approximate departure time

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TALENT SHOW DISPELS RAIN GLOOM

It was cold and gloomy outside but not inside the Assembly Hall Friday night, when a talent show, co-ordinated by Tim Ashcraft and assisted by Kenneth Legg, had Boys' Staters and staff members howling in glee following the regular program.

Instrumental music and vocal solos and ensembles were introduced by amusing titles. There was a skit and coronation with Staffer with Lemmon crowned Miss Xerox Operator of 1971-72 Boys' State.

It was all for fun but several of the numbers reflected artistic talent as well as a keen sense of humor. Space does not permit listing the performers.

35TH LEGISLATURE PASSES
\$300-MILLION PLUS BUDGET

A budget bill in excess of \$300 million was passed by the 35th Mountaineer Boys' State Legislature Friday.

The House of Delegates adjourned at 11:45 a.m. sine dine. The Senate adjourned at 1:15 p.m. sine dine.

Prior to adjourning, both sent regards to Gov. Steve Hill and wished him success throughout his term of office. They also praised his program and provision of the necessary taxation to finance it.

A \$2.25-million surplus in the original budget bill was diverted, in a supplementary appropriation, to ease health, welfare, recreation and prison problems in the State.

The Senate initially passed the budget exactly as the Governor had requested and sent their bill to the House.

The House, after lengthy discussion and action on the floor, passed a budget that had supplementary appropriations.

The House bill was not satisfactory to the Senate Finance Committee, so a joint conference committee of three Senate and three House members was appointed to iron out differences in the supplementary budget bill.

The conference committee report on the revised budget bill was accepted and passed by both houses and sent to Governor Hill for his signature.

Advisors to the Legislature were Tim Ashcraft of Hundred, William Shingleton of Clarksburg, Gust Brenda of Weirton and Walter Neely of Clarksburg.

LOWERING OF VOTING AGE WAS
LEGISLATED HERE BACK IN '52

Does legislation introduced at Boys' State each year have any future effect on national or state legislation in the United States and/or West Virginia?

Past Department Commander Tim Ashcraft of Hundred, Randolph County counselor, was wondering that Friday as he reminisced about legislation at Boys' State in 1952, when he was advisor to the House of Delegates at Boys' State.

One of the major bills introduced in the House and Senate--companion bills--was the right for 18-year-olds to vote.

There was a heated debate before the bills were passed by a large majority.

Ashcraft, who is himself a former member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, pointed out that 20 years later--this year--18-year-olds have the right to vote in West Virginia.

"I wonder," he said, "if some of those same boys here in 1952 later influenced this legislation?"

JONESES, KERCHEVALS HONORED

Administrator Tommy E. Jones and Medical Officer Dr. P. E. Kercheval were presented engraved silver trays Friday night for their respective 26 and 33 years of service to Boys' State. Wives Betty Jones and Pat Kercheval, who work annually at headquarters, were given engraved pins.