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Five Bills Passed

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS

The 38th Legislature of Mountaineer Boys' State adjourned yesterday with the passage of five bills. Two of the bills originated in the house, the other three in the Senate. All have been signed into law by Gov. Sam Spenia.

One bill (HJ-1) amended Article I, Section 7 of the Boys' State constitution so that the official Boys' State song, "Take Me Home Country Roads" will be sung in its entirety only one time, and that all singing will cease after everyone has entered the dining hall.

When the bill was sent to the Senate, that body amended the legislation to say that the song would be sung only outside the building, not inside. The House rejected the amendment and a joint committee was called to iron out the difference and arrived at the final piece of legislation.

The legislature also passed a House-originated bill HC-2 authored by Delegate Thom Haller (Fed.-Gilmer) which provides that the flag of West Virginia is to be flown beneath the United States flag at Jackson's Mill for the duration

of Boys' State activities.

In other action, the legislature passed Senate Bill 6, authored by Sen. Billy Dye (Fed.-Calhoun) which provides for the creation of bicycle paths to be established adjacent to scenic highways and state highways already present. The legislators put a \$30 million ceiling on the project, but directed that funding be at least \$25 million. The House amended the bill to give county and municipal highway departments concurrent jurisdiction over the project.

The Senate also passed a money bill to fund the bicycle path plan, and to maintain and create new roads. The bill calls for the collection of \$100,000,000 through license and gasoline taxes to be used toward the project. The legislation was authored by Senators Bill Dye (Fed.-Calhoun) and Terry Spangler (Fed.-Panhandle).

The legislature also passed additional funding for the Department of Highways, but left the decision on the amount of the appropriation up to Gov. Spenia.

"REAL CHAMPS DON'T YELL AT THE UMPIRE" --RINE

Only the mediocre ball player yells at the umpire, and only the mediocre man complains when decisions go against him in life, Robert M. Rine of Weirton told Boys' Staters last night.

A member of the public relations staff at Weirton Steel Division of National Steel Corporation and a former minor league umpire, Mr. Rine spoke on "You Can't Kill the Umpire." He said the player who criticizes the umpire is trying to cover up his own shortcomings. "The champion doesn't have to do that. And in life, it is only the weakling who whines when things go against him. The true champion takes setbacks in his stride, tries harder and ultimately reaches his goal. The complainer never succeeds.

"It is basic that the more one knows about a game, and the better one plays and respects it, the less fervor does one waste on mistakes, bad calls and umpires' decisions.

Mr. Rine said the umpire is the scapegoat for the manager, player and fan, but he is sustained by his pride in his profession, by his own ability and by a sense of accomplishment when he works a good game. However, he added, "The brotherhood of man will never be a reality as long as people yell at the umpire."

But deriding the umpire is not part of baseball, he said. "Lots of people think it is. They think it's the fifth freedom or the 11th amendment or an inalienable right they get from the Declaration of Independence. But it's not. It's just a bunch of partisan fanatics who think

who is doing his job and can't--and wouldn't--yell back. It's a perfect example of man's inhumanity to man."

Mr. Rine concluded his talk by reciting the famous baseball poem, "Casey at the Bat," and noted that though Casey struck out, he didn't blame it on the umpire. "You can't kill the umpire," he declared. "He'll be out there running his ball game as long as there's a sport called baseball. The umpire will not only endure, he will prevail."

CORRECTION

It was reported in yesterday's Mountaineer that, as far as we know, P. T. Malamisura, senior counselor at Braxton Cottage and his son Rocky, a citizen at Calhoun, were the only father and son team at Boys' State this year. However, the editor was promptly informed by State Police Lt. Jack Gribben of the Headquarters staff that his son Terry was also at Boys' State as a junior counselor in Marion Cottage. Terry is working on a full track scholarship to West Virginia University, and his father is Director of Training for the West Virginia Department of Public Safety and Officer in Charge of the State Police Academy at Institute.

It just goes to show that the crime

DYE AND SPIKER TO ATTEND BOYS' NATION

William Dye of Fairmont (Calhoun) and Mark Spiker of Inwood (Gilmer) have been chosen as Senators to Boys' Nation. Two alternates were also named to serve in the absence of either of the two senators. First alternate is John Moses, St. Albans (Lewis), and second alternate is Greg Hinshaw of Huntington (Braxton).

Boys' Nation is a great experience that includes an audience with President Ford in a visit to the White House. The sessions will be held July 18-26.

The cottage counselors here nominated the citizens to be considered by the final selection committee which is by a group drawn from among The American Legion and Boys' State corporate officers.

The program at Boys' Nation is similar to the activities at Boys' State. The officials to be elected start with the office of President and graduate down from there.

The young Senator who is elected President of Boys' Nation is always invited to address the National Convention of The American Legion which this year will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., August 17 through August 21.

Soon after their arrival in Washington the 100 delegates to this year's Boys' Nation activities will meet with a series of distinguished guests and speakers who are scheduled to participate in the week-long American Legion sponsored program.

NATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR VISITS BOYS' STATE

Boys' State was paid a visit yesterday by C. E. "Chuck" Masters, National Youth Director for the American Legion's Americanism Commission, and staff member of Boys' Nation. Master's visit marks the first time a member of this arm of the national American Legion office has visited Mountaineer Boys' State. Master's will be observing Mountaineer Boys' State in action.

TROPHY WINNERS ANNOUNCED TODAY

The winners of the William R. Fugitt trophy, the Frank L. Taylor, Jr. Trophy, and the Dr. P. E. Kercheval Trophy will be announced tomorrow during the assembly. The Kercheval Trophy is a new addition to the Boys' State awards program this year. Award of the trophy, named in honor of the good doctor who has attended every Boys' State since its inception in 1936 is based on "all-around participation in Boys' State," according to the trophy Committee. It is awarded to the citizen who best exemplifies the standards and integrity of Mountaineer Boys' State.

SPORTS FINALS

W--L

2	1	Barbour
1	3	Braxton N
1	3	Braxton F
2	2	Calhoun
4	0	Gilmer
2	1	Kanawha N
4	1	Kanawha F
2	2	Lewis N
1	3	Lewis F
2	1	Marion N
1	2	Marion F
0	3	Monongalia
1	3	Monroe N
0	5	Monroe F
2	2	Panhandle N
3	1	Panhandle F
2	1	Randolph N
1	3	Randolph F
3	1	Upshur
4	0	Webster

ALL-STAR SOFTBALL COMPETITION

First Game:	Feds. No. 1--6
	Nats. No. 1--0
Second Game:	Feds. No. 2--3
	Nats. No. 2--10
Final Game:	Feds. No. 1--14
	Nats. No. 2--2

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