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W E L C O M E T O B O Y S ' S T A T E

The 41st Annual American Legion Mountaineer Boys' State was officially underway yesterday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. when the Boys' State Administrator, TOMMY E. JONES, began registering the 1978 citizens from throughout West Virginia. Mr. Jones has served Mountaineer Boys' State for 31 years and is presently the Department Adjutant of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia. He is a Past Department Commander and has served as Department Adjutant since 1951.

Mr. Jones will be available during the day at GHQ (Harrison Cottage) and may be contacted at Jackson's Lodge, Room 209 after midnight.

Roderick A. Devison, Department Commander of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia welcomed the citizens of 1978 Mountaineer Boys' State last evening at the opening assembly. (BIOGRAPHICAL ON COMMANDER DEVISON WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE THREE).

Governor JOHN A. WILLIS of Charleston brought greetings to Mountaineer Boys' Staters at the opening assembly last night. Governor Willis was elected Governor of 1977 Mountaineer Boys' State last June and will preside over all functions until the 1978 Governor is inaugurated on Wednesday afternoon. Governor Willis resided in Monongalia Cottage last year while attending Boys' State and was a Federalist.

Biographical data on guest speakers will be attached to "The Mountaineer" each day for your information and to assist you in making your reports later to your sponsoring organization.

Anyone needing to contact DR. KERCHEVAL after lights out may find him at Jackson's Lodge, Room 201. His assistant is JOHN DEMBROSKY who is housed at Monongalia Cottage, Room No. 8. During regular hours they will be at GHQ. Dr. Kercheval is retired and resides in Kingwood, W. Va. and Miami Beach, Florida. He is a Past Department Commander of The American Legion and served as National Executive Committeeman from West Virginia for many years. He and his wife, Pat, are long time staffers at Mountaineer Boys' State and return from Florida each year to assist in the program.

Be sure and write a few lines home today!!! Mountaineer Boys' State stationery can be obtained at GHQ (Harrison Cottage). Stamps can be purchased at the Camp Office under the Dining Hall. All mail should be brought to Harrison Cottage and deposited in the mail box. Mail will be picked up each evening and sent to the Post Office.

Nationalist and Federalist political parties of Boys' State organized late Sunday evening in preparation for today's Primary Election. The Federalist State Executive Committee elected DAVID ZICKERMAN, Braxton as Chairman. The Nationalist State Executive Committee elected TY NEAL, Randolph, Chairman. Neal resides in Huntington and Zickerman resides in Vienna.

Staff Political Advisors for the FEDERALIST PARTY are:

CHARLES HOWARD	CHARLES FORSYTHE
NICK ARVON	C. B. TRENT, JR.
WILLIAM WHISMAN	GUST BRENDA
PAUL MCKOWN	

Staff Political Advisors for the NATIONALIST PARTY are:

JOHN GILES	DANIEL STAGGERS
SAMUEL KESSEL	JAMES LAULIS
HAROLD HAGY	K. DAVID MERCHANT

CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES - FILE AT GHQ (HARRISON COTTAGE) TODAY FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON.

All candidates for COUNTY OFFICES should file with your COTTAGE COUNSELORS.

RULES FOR POSTING CAMPAIGN MATERIALS: No thumb tacks or nails are allowed; no material is to be placed inside the Dining Hall; no materials to be higher than a citizen can reach; and each candidate is responsible for removing his campaign material after the election.

ALL CITIZENS MUST TAKE THE BAR EXAMINATION. Candidates for Supreme Court, Attorney General, or any other judicial office must successfully pass the bar examination in order to remain eligible for office.

PRIMARY ELECTION TONIGHT!!!!!!!!!!!!



RODERICK A. DEVISON

Roderick A. Devison, a member of Fairmont Post No. 17, Fairmont, West Virginia, was elected to be the 62nd Commander of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, at the 1977 Annual Convention held in Huntington, West Virginia, July 8, 9, 10, 1977.

Roderick A. Devison was born November 23rd, 1920 in Marion County, near Fairmont, West Virginia. Son of John W. and Anatasia Devison. He attended Fairmont State College and was graduated with a B.S. Degree from West Virginia University prior to World War II.

After four years of military service, U.S. Army (Combat infantry) he attended George Washington University and West Virginia University Law Schools. He concluded his studies at West Virginia University Law School and in 1949 was admitted to the West Virginia Bar. He has practiced his profession in Fairmont, West Virginia since that time.

He served in the United States District Attorneys Office for eight years. He is a member of the West Virginia State Bar and other bar associations. He has represented numerous rural communities in the development of community facilities. He is a designated attorney for the Farmers Home Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture. He has had wide experience in all types of trial practice. He serves as a Trial Examiner for the Board of Review, West Virginia Department of Employment Security.

Roderick A. Devison has served for several years as Judge Advocate of The American Legion. He is a past Commander of Fairmont Post No. 17 and a past Vice Commander of the Department of West Virginia. He is a member of St. Peter's Church in Fairmont and has been active in business and civic affairs in his community and state. He is a retired Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve.

Married in 1956 to Rosemary Pearson, they are the parents of one daughter, Kathleen Ann Devison, a college student. They reside on Greenbrier Road, Forest Hills, Fairmont, West Virginia.

PROGRAM SCHEDULEMONDAYMORNING

GROUP ARRANGEMENTS BY COUNTIES TO MEET ASSIGNMENTS FOR LECTURES

Group 1 - Gilmer, Calhoun, Monroe
 Group 2 - Kanawha, Braxton, Monongalia
 Group 3 - Lewis, Barbour, Webster
 Group 4 - Panhandle, Upshur
 Group 5 - Randolph, Marion

State Police - Assembly Hall - Sgt. R. E. Yost
 Courts - West Virginia Building - Charles Forsythe
 Magistrate Courts - Flaneway - Charley Howard
 Law Lecture - Rural Electric - Jim St. Clair
 Press Relations - Sewing Center, Right - Don Marsh

	<u>8:10-8:45</u>	<u>8:55-9:30</u>	<u>9:40-10:15</u>	<u>10:25-11:00</u>	<u>11:10-11:45</u>
Group 1	Courts	St. Police	Law Lecture	Magistrate Court	P.R.
Group 2	St. Police	Law Lecture	Magistrate Ct.	P.R.	Courts
Group 3	Law Lecture	Magistrate Ct.	P.R.	Courts	St. Police
Group 4	Magistrate Ct.	P.R.	Courts	St. Police	Law Lecture
Group 5	P.R.	Courts	St. Police	Law Lecture	Mag. Court

AFTERNOON

12:15 Lunch

General Harley Mooney, Jr., Superintendent, W. Va. Department of
Public Safety

1:15-1:50 **BAR EXAM** (FEDERALIST IN W. VA. BUILDING AND NATIONALIST IN
ASSEMBLY HALL) All prospective lawyers, judges, prosecuting
attorneys, and magistrates must pass exam to be eligible for office.

2:00-3:40 **PARTY CAUCUSES** - Federalist will meet in the W. Va. Building
and Nationalist are to meet in the Assembly Hall.

Election of officials - Prepare ballots. Candidates will campaign
and get acquainted with voters. Candidates in the primary election
should be preparing material. Campaign materials prepared prior to
coming to Boys' State is prohibited.

3:45-5:00 **ATHLETICS** - Follow the schedule presented. Band will meet in
Assembly Hall.

5:15-5:25 **RETREAT**

5:30 **DINNER**

6:15-7:15 **ATHLETICS AND BAND PRACTICE**

7:30 **ASSEMBLY** - Honorable A. James Manchin, W. Va. Secretary of State
Primary Election polls close at 10:00 p.m.

10:45 **TAPS** - All citizens in bed. Lights out at 11:00 p.m.

WEST VIRGINIA HILLS

OH, THE WEST VIRGINIA HILLS!
HOW MAJESTIC AND HOW GRAND
WITH THEIR SUMMITS BATHED IN GLORY,
LIKE OUR PRINCE IMMANUEL'S LAND
IS IT ANY WONDER THEN,
THAT MY HEART WITH RAPTURE THRILLS,
AS I STAND ONCE MORE WITH LOVED ONES,
ON THOSE WEST VIRGINIA HILLS?

CHORUS

O THE HILLS, BEAUTIFUL HILLS,
HOW I LOVE THOSE WEST VIRGINIA HILLS,
IF O'ER SEA OR LAND I ROAM,
STILL I'LL THINK OF HAPPY HOME
AND THE FRIENDS AMONG THE WEST VIRGINIA HILLS.

OH, THE WEST VIRGINIA HILLS!
WHERE MY BOYHOOD'S HOURS WERE PASS'D
WHERE I OFTEN WANDER'D LONELY,
AND THE FUTURE TRIED TO CAST:
MANY ARE OUR VISIONS BRIGHT
WHICH THE FUTURE NE'ER FULFILLS:
BUT HOW SUNNY WERE MY DAYDREAMS
ON THOSE WEST VIRGINIA HILLS!