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## WELCOME TO BOYS' STATE

The 42nd 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 1979 citizens from throughout West Virginia. Mr. Jones has served Mountaineer Boys' State for 32 years and is presently the Department Adjutant of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia. He is a Past Department Commander of The American Legion and has served as the 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.

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Anyone needing to contact DR. P. E. KERCHEVAL after lights out may find him at Jackson's Lodge, Room 201. DR. JOHN DOMBROSKY 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. DR. JOHN DOMBROSKY graduated in June from WVSOM at Lewisburg, W. Va., and will serve an internship at Warren General Hospital starting in July. Dr. John was a citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State in 1969. He is a resident of Weirton, W. Va. and as a citizen of Boys' State was housed in Webster Cottage.

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Mountaineer Boys' State Governor Tim Wheeler was unable to be present this week to preside over all functions until the 1979 Governor is inaugurated on Wednesday afternoon. In his absence, three members of the 1978 Mountaineer Boys State Board of Public Works will be acting Governor: MICHAEL W. WEST, 1978 MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, who is serving this year as Jr. Counselor, Panhandle Cottage; JOHN RICHARD HART, 1978 MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, who is serving this year as Jr. Counselor, Randolph Cottage and JAMES DAVIDSON, 1978 MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE AUDITOR, who is serving this year as Jr. Counselor, Lewis Cottage.

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ROBERT E. VASS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, welcomed the citizens of 1979 Mountaineer Boys' State last evening and introduced THE HONORABLE DONALD R. WILSON, speaker for the opening assembly. (Biographical data on Page 4)

Biographical data on all 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.

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THE HONORABLE MERIE BAILEY, TREASURER OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA greeted the citizens of Mountaineer Boys' State following dinner last night in the Dining Hall. Treasurer Bailey is a former Boys' Stater and offered a summer position to the 1979 Treasurer of Mountaineer Boys' State. (Biographical on Treasurer Bailey on Page 3)

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BE SURE AND WRITE A FEW LINES HOME TONIGHT. MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE STATIONERY IS AVAILABLE AT GHQ (HARRISON COTTAGE). STAMPS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE CAMP OFFICE UNDER THE DINING HALL.

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Staff Political Advisors for the FEDERALIST PARTY are:

CHARLES HOWARD  
NICK ARVON

C. B. TRENT, JR.  
CHARLES FORSYTHE

EUGENE ROCKHOLD  
JAMES LAULIS

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Staff Political Advisors for the NATIONALIST PARTY are:

HAROLD HAGY  
SAMUEL D. KESSELL

DANIEL C. STAGGERS  
HANS MCCOURT

RALPH BROWN  
K. DAVID MERCHANT

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

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

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Last evening, the FEDERALIST STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE met and selected their officers. TIM CONNER from Panhandle Cottage was elected STATE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN for the FEDERALIST PARTY. BILL LEGG of Randolph Cottage was unanimously elected Vice Chairman. CHRIS CHARLES of Kanawha Cottage was selected Secretary/Treasurer. ERIC SAMPSON of Lewis Cottage was elected Parliamentarian. RICK ROHN of Gilmer Cottage and GREG ALLEVATO of Monongalia Cottage were selected as State Executive Committee Public Relations Co-Chairmen.

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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.

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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.

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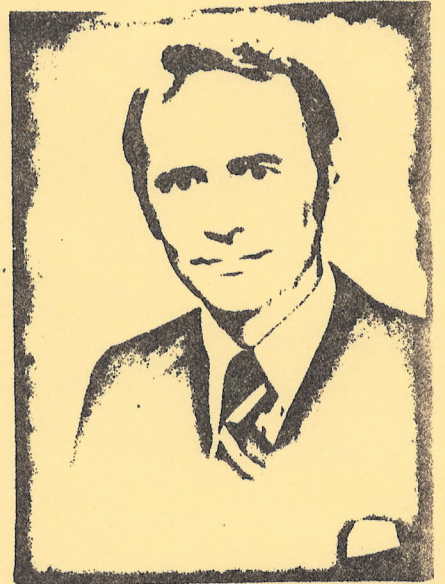
THE NATIONALIST STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE met last evening and elected JOHN MERRIAM, CHAIRMAN. Members of the NATIONALIST STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE are: AL GANNON, Barbour; MARK STORAGE, Braxton; TIM SPERO, Gilmer; JOHN HORN, Kanawha; MATT KALAYCIOGLU, Lewis; RUSTY ROGERS, Marion; JOHN PINION, Monongalia; TOM NICHOLICH, Monroe; MATTHEW ABRAHAM, Panhandle; A. J. MISITI, Randolph and BARRY BRYSON, Webster.

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PRIMARY ELECTION TONIGHT!



**THE HONORABLE LARRIE BAILEY  
TREASURER OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**



The Honorable Larrie Bailey is only the 20th person to be Treasurer of West Virginia. He is a graduate of Weston High School, The University of South Carolina, and West Virginia University, from which he earned a Masters Degree in Political Science in 1966. In the 30 months he has served as Treasurer of the State of West Virginia, Larrie Bailey has been directly responsible for more significant changes in the management and operation of the Treasurer's Office than any of his 19 predecessors. During his first two years in office he has earned more than \$230 million in interest on State Investments.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Lt. Commander Bailey served as National Vice President for Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the Reserve Officer's Association of the United States and also has been the Commanding Officer of the largest Naval Reserve Unit in West Virginia.

Since he became Treasurer, the cumbersome hand-tended system which distributed State funds for disbursement among 229 banks, has been reduced to five, all quickly managed by computer.

Computer control of State accounts and funds has allowed closer management of cash flow, with the result that the Treasurer is able to continually, and on a daily basis, invest over 100 percent of State monies in interest bearing instruments. Interest earnings on investments this year will top last year's record mark of \$112 million.

He is married to the former Joyce Kennedy of Fairmont, and they are the parents of three children.



**ROBERT E. VASS, SR.**

Robert E. Vass, Sr., a member of Huntington Post No. 16, Huntington, West Virginia was elected to be the 63rd Commander of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia at the 1978 Annual Convention held in Charleston, West Virginia, July 14, 15, 16, 1978.

Robert E. Vass, Sr., was born May 30, 1925 in Huntington, West Virginia, son of Frank E. and Kathryn Perdue Vass.

He received his education in Huntington Public Schools and at Marshall University.

**ROBERT E. VASS, SR.  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

He is a veteran of World War II and served in the Army Air Force as a Combat Aerial Gunner in the Eighth Air Force and was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Commander Vass has had extensive business activities in the Huntington area. He spent over twenty years in the automobile business as a salesman, manager, and dealer attending many General Motors Training Schools and Seminars. He is also former owner of the Mustang Inn and Bar Mart, Inc., in Huntington and is presently owner and operator of Buck Acres Kennels and is currently a Magistrate of Wayne County.

Robert E. Vass, Sr., joined Huntington Post No. 16 in 1946 and has been active in Post offices and administration for the past seven years having served as Post Commander, Post First Vice Commander and Post Second Vice Commander. He has also served as chairman of many Post committees and is currently serving as chairman of The Board of Trustees and chairman of the House Committee and was elected Department Vice Commander at the Department Convention held in Huntington, West Virginia, in July, 1977. He is a Kentucky Colonel, Member of VFW Post No. 1064, B.P.O.E. No. 314, Forty and Eight 1036 and D.A.V. No. 2.

He is active in church work and is elder and Vice Chairman of the official board of Central Christian Church in Huntington, West Virginia.

He is married to the former Margaret Davis Smith, Professor of Education, at Marshall University. His family consists of two sons, two daughters, two stepsons and ten grandchildren.



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Jackson's Mill, Weston, West Virginia, June 17 - 23, 1979

## DAILY AND WEEKLY SCHEDULES

### MONDAY

#### MORNING

8:00 File for State Offices at GHQ - Harrison County  
File for County Offices with County Counselor

#### GROUP ARRANGEMENT BY COUNTIES TO MEET ASSIGNMENTS FOR LECTURES

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

COURTS - Sewing Center, Left; ~~Flameway~~ <sup>SAFETY</sup> - Flameway; LAW LECTURE - Rural Electric; MAGISTRATE COURT - Assembly Hall; PRESS RELATIONS - Sewing Center, Right.

	8:10-8:45	8:55-9:30	9:40-10:15	10:25-11:00	11:10-11:45
Group 1	Courts	<del>Taxation</del> <sup>SAFETY</sup>	Law Lecture	Magistrate Court	P.R.
Group 2	<del>Taxation</del> <sup>SAFETY</sup>	Law Lecture	Magistrate Court	P.R.	Courts
Group 3	Law Lecture	Magistrate Court	P.R.	Courts	<del>Taxation</del> <sup>SAFETY</sup>
Group 4	Magistrate Court	P.R.	Courts	<del>Taxation</del> <sup>SAFETY</sup>	Law Lecture
Group 5	Press Relations	Courts	<del>Taxation</del> <sup>SAFETY</sup>	Law Lecture	Magistrate Court

### AFTERNOON

12:15 LUNCH - Proceed to Dining Hall by county according to announced schedule.

SPOAKER: Honorable William H. Beutherston, President  
of W.V. SENATE.

- 1:15 - 1:50 Bar Exam (Federalist in West Virginia Building and Nationalist in Assembly Hall)  
All prospective lawyers, judges, prosecuting attorneys must pass exam to be eligible to serve.
- 2:00 - 3:40 Party Caucuses - Federalist in West Virginia Building and Nationalist in Assembly Hall.  
Election of officials - Prepare ballots. Candidates electioneer and get acquainted with voters. Candidates in Primary should be preparing material. Advance prepared material not allowed.
- 3:45 - 5:00 Athletics - Follow schedule presented. Band practice.
- 5:15 - 5:25 RETREAT
- 5:30 DINNER
- 6:15 - 7:15 Athletics; Band
- 7:30 ASSEMBLY

SPOAKER: MR. James Gladwell, Deputy STATE  
SUPERINTENDENT of Schools

Primary Election Polls Close at 10:00 P.M.  
10:45 TAPS - All citizens in Bed. Lights out at 11:00 P.M.