Boys State Band—1953

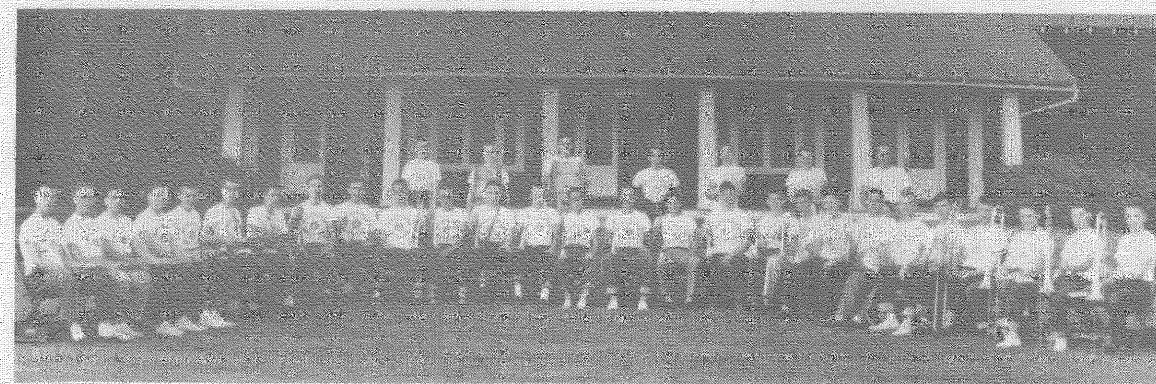

Photo Finish—State Track Meet

YEAR BY YEAR HISTORY OF BOYS STATE

1936

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.

1937

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.

1938

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.

1939

RODNEY WOLFORD
Governor, 1939

More than 380 high school youths came to the 1939 Boys State and elected Rodney Wolford 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 Wolford. 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.

1940

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 Singleton was not qualified for the office. The case was carried to the [illegible] court of appeals which handed down a [illegible] decision forcing Burka to sign the commission.

Governor Fresh appointed [illegible] honorary colonels on his staff. They in[illegible] Mc-Williams, department commander of the Legion; Raym[illegible] [illegible]ional Legion commander; Joseph R. Curl, Boys State cou[illegible] of the courts; and John Newcome, for four years a county [illegible]

1941

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 law the victory.

The attendance for the 1941 State was 404.

1942

RICHARD TURNER
Governor, 1942

Dick Turner of Huntington, member of the Federalist party, was elected Governor of the first war-time Boys State, attended by more than 400 citizens. Turner defeated Ryland Miller of Charleston, by five votes.

Featured speakers included: Governor M. W. 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 rainly 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.

1943 - 1945

The Board of Directors, in recognition of the exigencies of the war years, cancelled Boys State for the years, 1943 and 1945.

1944

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 the 1944 Boys State was Dr. M. R. Dodd, who succeeded Allen Simmons, counselor in 1942.

1946

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.

1947

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.

A total of 3,400 citizens was reached with this year's 323 youths in attendance.

James E. Hayes of Chester was the only veteran of World War II 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 Senate 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.

1948

DAVID HERMANSDORFER
Governor, 1948

David Hermansdorfer, 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 Officers Reserve Corps units and to provide a Bill of Rights for those men participating in the UMT program.

Past Governors Freese and Daugherty returned to assist with Counseling, continuing the precedent of having the retiring Governor present for the duration of the State.

1949

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.

1950

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 n Amerca.

1951

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.

1952

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 out-door athletic courts at Jackson's Mill. Governor St. Clair was chosen to represent West Virginia at Boys Nation in Washington during July.

School Representation Increases

The number of high schools represented at Boys State in 1953 increased over the previous year from 129 to 173 schools. The Directors of Boys State will continue their efforts to secure citizens from a greater number of schools before multiple numbers of applications will be accepted from any one school. It is believed that the objectives of the program can be accomplished to a greater degree by wide spread representation throughout the state.

Boys State Senate—1953

Braxton's "Sleepy Time Kids"

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Nationalists Win Governorship In Hectic Campaign

Supreme Court And House of Delegates Federalist With Senate Divided

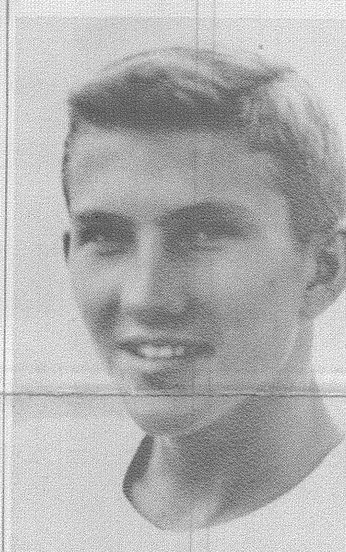
The 1953 Boys State election produced a Nationalist governor but left the state administration greatly divided.

Russell A. "Rat" Thom of Charleston defeated Glenn "Whitey" Sedam of Nutter Fort, near Clarksburg, by 176-151 but lost the Board of Public Works 4-3 to the Federalists. The governor, however, had a 4-1 majority on the Supreme Court.

The legislature was also badly divided from the administration's viewpoint. A 12-12 tie in the Senate failed to provide a working majority for the governor but his Nationalist candidate for President of the upper chamber was elected President, John Callaway of Moundsville.

Federalists held the upper hand in the House of Delegates by a 26-22 margin and elected Robert C. Beach of Maidsville as the Speaker.

The divided legislature provided Governor Thom with budgetary troubles in the same manner that Governor Marland experienced. Funds for the Department of Public Assistance were trimmed to allow more money for the state's schools by action of the Board of Public Works. The legislature disagreed and the entire matter was dumped into the lap of the Supreme Court.



Governor Thom

After the high tribunal threw out the budget by a 5-0 margin, Governor Thom called a special session of the legislature Friday evening and a new budget was adopted in record time.

In other action the legislature set up a North-South-East-West turnpike commission, voted to allow 18-year-olds to be allowed to vote, and passed legislation required strip mine operators to restore their land to its original senic beauty.

Election Results

Governor: Russell A. Thom, Charleston, (N) defeated Glenn Sedam. (F), Nutter Fort.

Secretary of State: James Cook, Logan, (N), defeated Roger Hornbrook (F) of New Martinsville.

Attorney General: John Hollister (F), Charleston, defeated Joe Calhoun, (N), of Moorefield.

Ouditor: Phil Gum, (F), of Martinsburg, defeated Ronald Bieber, (N), of Huntington.

Treasurer: Nick Zegrea, (F), of Parkersburg, defeated Robert Gainer, (N), of Corton, Kanawha county.

Superintendent of Schools: Jim Vasoti, (N), of Parkersburg, defeated John Frisk, (F), of Oak Hill.

Commissioner of agriculture: Don Fowler, (F), of Parkersburg, defeated Tom Bibb ,(N), of East Beckley.

Supreme Court of Appeals: Jim Kemp, (N), Charleston, Larney Ray "Skip" Gump, (N), Barrackville, Colin Church, (N), Clarksburg, Zigmond Percynski, Jr., (N), Logan and Jim Laughlin, (F), Charleston.

Unsuccessful Supreme Court candidates were Jim Anderson, (N), Hinton, Fred Davis, (F), Parkersburg, Fred Campbell, (F), Beechbottom, Tom Bartlett, (F), Grafton and James McWhorter, Jr., (F), Charleston.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

Governor William C. Marland took time out from a busy schedule to dine with the Boys Staters Monday evening on his way home from West Virginia University activities. The Governor spoke to the assembled citizens about the necessity for greater and more intelligent participation by the citizens in political activities of West Virginia. Boys State Governor, James St. Clair introduced Mrs. Marland and the Governor to the Boys Staters who expressed their appreciation for the visit in a rousing welcome. During the remainder of the week, the citizens placed in operation some of the Governor's counsel by 100% voting in the general election and about 90% in the unofficial trial voting upon the voting machines.

The assembly programs during the week were replete with appearances by Judge Chauncey Browning, member of the Supreme Court of West Virginia, who charged the citizens to retain a basic faith, develop sincere loyalties and to make intelligent decisions to insure a worthwhile life. Judge Browning most impressively administered the oath of office to the incoming state officials.

Commander Miller

Commander Harry W. Miller, Department of West Virginia of the American Legion, Fayetteville, welcomed the boys in the initial assembly program Sunday evening, and counseled them to strive for the same high standards which marked the previous sessions of Boys State in the recognition of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.

Past Commander Elliett Nefflen, one of the original incorporators of Mountaineer Boys State, presented the objectives of the State and explained the procedure in establishing state, county, judicial executive committees and the intracacies of party political practices.

Lt. Col. Edgar Sites, administrative officer for the W. Va. Civilian Defense program presented the film 'Duck and Cover', and gave an eyewitness account of the effect of the recent Yucca Flats atomic bomb explosion.

The perennial favorite of successive Boys States, Dr. Walter Overstreet, Buckhannon, will be remembered for his wit, humor, and exemplification of philosophic principles inherent in our society as compared to other present day cultures and civilizations.

Visitors to the assemblies were treated to our own talent in the person of Frank Taylor, Jr., Charleston, who gave a stirring extemperaneous talk upon the values to be derived from the close fellowship experienced at Boys State. Frank was chosen as one of the outstanding citizens of 1952 Boys State and returned this year as a Junior Counselor to assist with county organization and with the establishment of the circuit courts.

16 Years Show A Tied Voting Record

With th eelection of Russell A. Thom, Pr., to the Governorship of 1953 Boys State, the winners are evenly divided between the Nationalists and the Federalist parties with 8 each.

Analysis of the other officers at the State level including the 7 members of the Board of Public Works and 5 judges of the Supreme Court shows the Federalists capturing the majority 98 to 91. The record of the offices held in the past 16 years follows:

Governor	8F	8N
Secretary-State	9F	7N
Supt. Schools	7F	9N
Attorney General	11F	5N
Auditor	6F	10N
Treasurer	11F	5N
Agriculture	8F	8N
Supreme Court	38F	39N
Total offices	98F	91N

First Pistol Match

The 1953 Boys State Police held the first pistol match in the history of the state as Company A was defeated by Company B 382-304. Pistols used were .38 caliber.

The high individual score was made by Cpl. Don Knight with a second place tie between Troopers Freddie Raines and James Moreland.

Graduates Exceed 5400

With the all-time Boys State attendance well over the 5,000 mark, the question is asked "Why can't the number of citizens be increased?"

Main obstacle to boosting the average post war figure of some 300 boys is the lack of dining hall capacity. In the table below are figures showing some States with over 400 citizens. Not only was the dining hall jammed in those days but special tables were placed on the back porches to handle the overflow. That space is no longer available.

Another handicap is placed upon participation by the fact that only 14 of the 55 counties have provided a cottage at Jackson's Mill, the latest being built by the five counties of the Northern Panhandle as a joint project.

Year	Attendance	Year	Attendance
1936	300	1946	298
1937	413	1947	323
1938	337	1948	337
1939	380	1949	324
1940	300	1950	331
1941	404	1951	319
1942	400	1952	329
1944	363	1953	329

Grand Total: 5,482.

Voting machines were in use at the '53 state for the first time since 1938 and 1939. They were used for demonstrations this year inasmuch as technical difficulties prevented their operation for either the primary or general election.

Acknowledgement

The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, and the Directors of Mountaineer Boys State are indebted to the Counselors who give their time and ability to make the annual session of Boys State a success. Traveling many miles, foregoing many other attractions, and earnestly contributing from their knowledge, training and experience, they inspire in the citizens a desire and an ambition to achieve good citizenship in governmental activities. The many graduates of this citizenship school and the communities which they represent have profited from the ideals which the Counselors have inspired.

BRAXTON WINS AGAIN

Back in 1948, American Legion Field Representative Fritz Heller donated a placque to Boys State to be awarded to the winner of the annual Talent Night competition.

Calhoun county won the title that year and its name was engraved on the placque. Since then Braxton county has won the title four out of five years to take a commanding 4-2 lead over Calhoun. No other Boys State county has won a Talent Night competition.

Calhoun won in 1948 and 1951. Braxton won 1949, 1950, 1952 and 1953.

Boys State is the largest group to attend the Mill during the year.

Safety Driving Council

The Boys State legislature passed one of its most far-reaching bills this year when it authorized Governor Thom to help establish a Youth Safety Driving Council. This Council would encompass every student in every high school in the state.

Wednesday morning Governor Thom went before a joint session of the legislature for his main address of the week and outlined his legislative program. The Youth Safety Driving Council was one of his main proposals.

"We have been charged, tried and convicted," the Governor said, "of reckless driving by the adults without representation."

The legislation would empower Governor Thom and a committee to consult with the Department of Public Safety and the State Department of Education in Charleston upon the creation of such a council. Girls State is expected to join in the proposal.

Band Features Concerts

Speedily organized this year, the Boys State band under the direction of Dunbar band director Harry Hoffman probably outperformed all other bands in State history.

First performance of the band was at the Sunday evening assembly. Starting Monday, the band offered concert programs each evening before the assembly program. This is the first time that such concerts have been given and attests to the quality of the State musicians and the efficiency and rapidity of their organization.

Calhoun Wins

Calhoun county started in front and stayed all the way to win the '53 State title for the best county in daily inspections conducted by staff counselors. Each county was rated daily on cleanliness. The final ratings: Calhoun 465, Kanawha 460, Monongalia, Monroe and Randolph, 455, Barbour 450, Ohio and Upshur 445, Gilmer and Lewis 435, Braxton 430 and Marion 350.

Outstanding Citizens

SITTING — Ernest Courrier, John Frisk, Bill Tetrick, John Fuscaldo, Steve Young.

STANDING — Bob McWhorter, Dean Hinzman, James Vasoti, Don Fowler, Nick Zegrea, Kermit Fish, Robert Carlisle.

COURT SESSIONS DRAW PRAISE

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each year, a group of Clarksburg Attorneys travel to Boys State to supervise the six circuit courts in actual session. Prior to their arrival the citizens have received instruction in court procedures and the practicing attorneys have been required to pass the Boys State Bar examination.

The Boys State Fourth Circuit Court (Gilmer and Ohio Counties) won first place with 288 rating points out of a possible 300. Other circuits were rated:

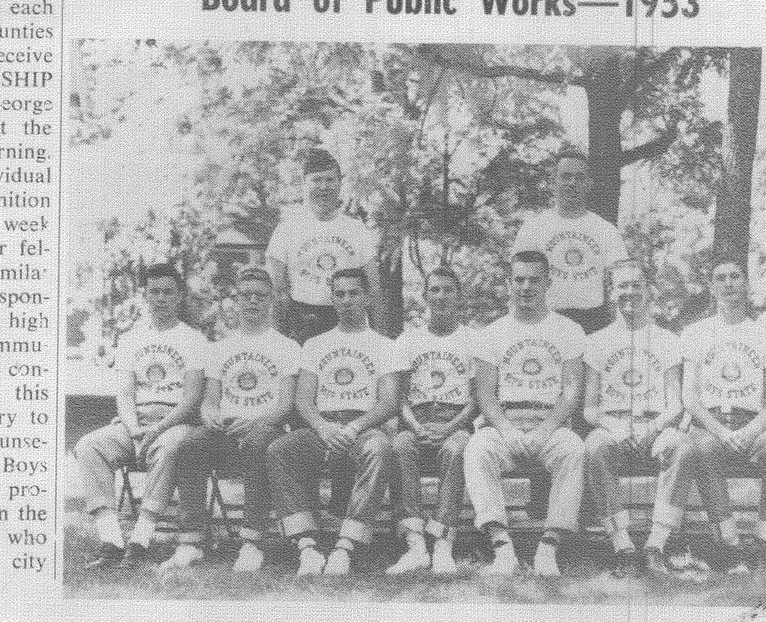
Fifth Circuit (Monongalia - Kanawha), 283; Third Circuit (Marion-Calhoun), 280; First Circuit (Randolph-Monroe), 179; Second Circuit (Upshur-Lewis, 277; and Sixth Circuit (Braxton-Kanawha), 175.

Continuing the practice of selection of an outstanding citizen from each county, the residents of the counties designated their choices to receive the OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, sponsored by Mr. George 'Fritz' Heller and presented at the final assembly Saturday morning. These citizens received an individual medal and a certificate in recognition of their excellence during the week and denoting the esteem of their fellow-citizens. In addition, a similar certificate will be mailed to his sponsoring agency and to his home high school in recognition of the community and school influences which contributed to his record. From this group of citizens, it is customary to select a nucleus of Junior Counselors to return to the succeeding Boys State. The success of the 1953 program rests to a great degree upon the outstanding citizens of last year who returned to help with county, city and state government activities.

Governor Marland Welcomed

Frank Taylor, Governor Marland, Governor St. Clair, W. R. Fugitt.

Board of Public Works—1953



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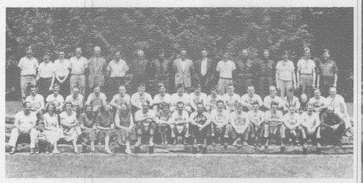

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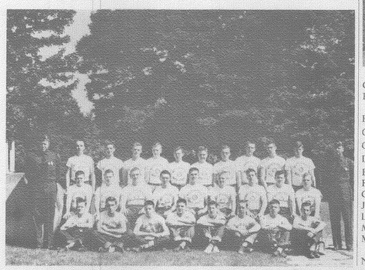

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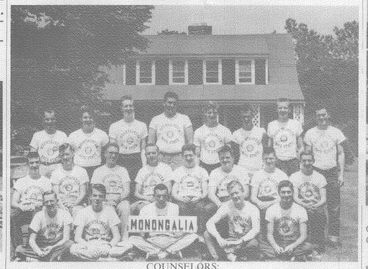

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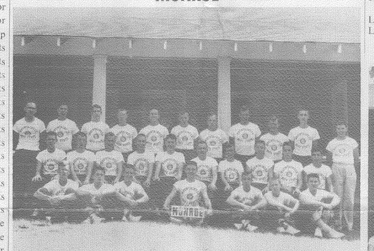

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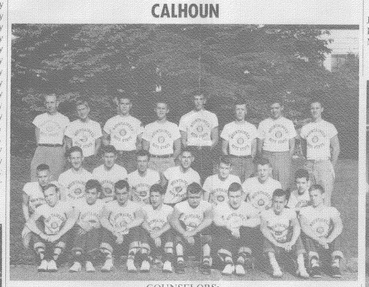

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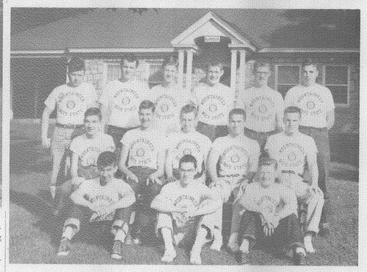

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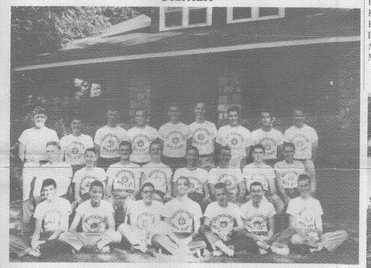

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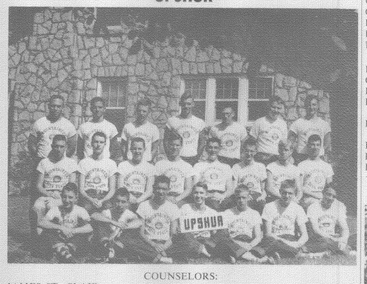

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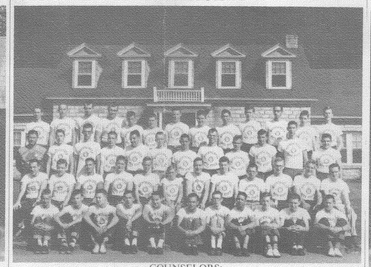

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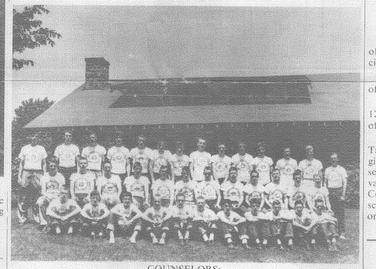

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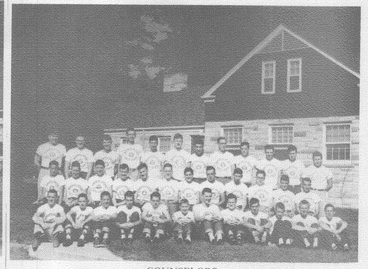

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Composite Score of All Citizenship Activities By Counties

The composite scoring plan used in judging the citizenship activities of Mountaineer Boys State includes all of the group activities in which the citizens of each county have the opportunity to participate.

The election points are awarded on the basis of 3 for winning a State office and 1 for a defeated candidate.

Athletic points are awarded from a scale based on rank. Thus, with 12 counties participating in the events, the county with the highest number of points receives a rating of 12, the next 11, etc.

Government activities in Courts, Cities, Counties, Boards of Education, Taxation and Inspection and Hygiene, receive points equal to the grades given by the supervisor of these activities. Reference to the list of Counselors will show that these grades are awarded by experienced men in the various fields and are based upon actual performance by City Councils, County Courts, Assessors, Boards of Educations and Circuit Courts. The scores below will form a record for citizens of future Boys States to equal or surpass.

County	Election Points	Athletic Points	Courts	City Gov't	County Gov't	Board of Education	Taxation	Inspection And Hygiene	Total Points
Kanawha	8	20	94	95	95	95	95	460	962
Ohio	2	28	96	92	95	95	95	445	948
Monongalia	9	17	94	95	80	95	95	455	940
Lewis	0	42	92	90	85	95	95	435	934
Calhoun	4	41	94	75	70	85	95	465	929
Gilmer	0	20	96	95	92	95	95	435	928
Barbour	9	4	92	95	80	95	95	450	920
Upshur	0	8	92	95	90	85	95	445	910
Monroe	7	24	93	82	75	75	95	455	906
Randolph	3	27	93	75	75	75	95	455	898
Braxton	1	23	92	87	75	75	95	430	878
Marion	5	22	93	95	95	85	95	350	840

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