Year By Year History Of Boys State



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.



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 distinction and instruction for the citizens.

Among the distinguished visitors were Governor Hall, Judge Jo N. Kenna, president of the state supreme court of appeals, Col. W. H. Waldron and Homer Challaux, Charles Booth of Huntington was commander of the Legion and president of Boys State.



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.



RICHARD TURNER
Governor, 1942

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

Featured speakers included: Governor M. M. 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 rainy 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.

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



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



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.



ELMER H. FREEZE
Governor, 1947

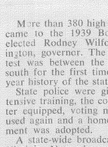
The Federalist party remained in power as Elmer Freeze of Wheeling walked off with the governor's race over James Cooper of Thomas.

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 Goverament 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 when the Federalists should have had a 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.



SYDNEY WILFORD
Governor, 1939

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



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 Shingleton was not qualified for the office. The case was carried to the supreme court of appeals which handed down a unanimous decision forcing Burka to sign the commission.

Governor Fresh appointed four men as honorary colonels on his staff. They included T. F. Williams, department commander of the Legion; Raymond J. Kelly, national Legion commander; Joseph R. Curl, Boys State Counselor in charge of the courts; and John Newcome, for four years a county counselor in camp.



DAVID
HERMANSDOERFFER
Governor, 1948

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

Past Governors Freeze and Daugherty returned as junior counselors, continuing the precedent of having the retiring Governor present for the duration of the State.



HENRY "Happy"
SHORES
Governor, 1949

The 12-state offices were divided evenly between the two parties in the 1949 Boys State, with the Nationalist candidate, Henry "Happy" 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.



JACK LEE
Governor, 1941

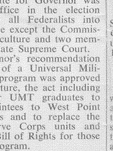
Allen Simmons of Wheeling, became the second chief counselor in the history of Boys State when he succeeded R. Worth Shumaker, of Buckhannon. Mr. Shumaker resigned to accept a post with the American Legion in Indianapolis.

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 age the victory.

The attendance for the 1941 State was 404.



CHARLES F. LUCAS
Governor, 1954

During this year Governor Lucas discovered the difficulties attendant upon organization of a Legislature controlled by the opposition party. Partisanship delayed the passage of the budget bill and caused a call for an extraordinary session for this purpose although the regular legislation providing for the shift of the soft drink tax to the state's liquor monopoly and the continuation of the Youth Safety Councils throughout the state were passed by safe margins. When the extraordinary session failed to convene, a test case was prepared and presented to the Supreme Court restraining an increase in salary for the Commissioner of Agriculture. Voting machines were used for the official election for the first time since 1939.

JOHN FRYE
Governor, 1956

Governor Dudding's term began with serious difficulties because of a divided House and Senate, but these were soon won over by the serious approach to major legislation on the part of the Governor and Board of Public Works.

The use of voting machines facilitated the counting of results from a complicated ballot. A series of excellent evening programs by Governor Moreland, Justice Chauncey Browning, Rev. Walter Overstreet, and West Point Cadet Gene Wilson provided instruction, guidance, and entertainment. For the first time in the history of the State, the West Virginia Legislature set aside a joint session during January, 1956, for an address by Governor Dudding and the West Virginia Board of Public Works gave the afternoon to consultation and study of their offices to their counterparts from Boys State.

The pattern of Boys State politics was repeated this year as the governorship was won by a party which failed to provide him with a majority in the Legislature. Governor John Frye was designated to attend Boys Nation in Washington, from which he emerged as the President . . . an outstanding honor and distinction for himself and the State. W. R. Fugitt observed his connection with Boys State since 1942 . . . and his 12 years as Chief Counselor. Plans were made to celebrate the 20th annual session of Boys State next year by a program for all Past Governors. For the second time the West Virginia Legislature adopted a concurrent resolution for a joint session in February to hear an address by Governor Frye, following which the members of both Boards of Public Works visited and conferred with each other.



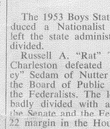
TED RAKE
Governor, 1950

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 in America.



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.



RUSSELL A. THOM,
Governor, 1953

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

Russell A. "Rat" Thom, Jr., of Charleston defeated Glenn "Whitey" Sedam of Nutter Fort but lost the Board of Public Works 4-3 to the Federalists. The legislature was badly divided with a 12-12 tie in the Senate and the Federalists a 76-22 margin in the House. The Governor, however, had a 4-1 majority in the Supreme Court.

The legislature passed one of its most far-reaching bills this year when it authorized Governor Thom to help establish a Youth Safety Driving Council which would encompass every student in every high school in the state. The legislature set up a North-South-East-West turnpike commission and voted to allow 18-year-olds to vote.

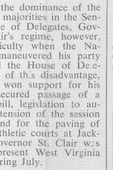


BURTON A. DUDDING
Governor, 1955

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



JIM ST. CLAIR
Governor, 1952



DEAN HUNNESHAGEN
Governor, 1958

Dean Hunneshagen became the 11th Nationalist Governor, and his party also carried the majority of the Board of Public Works and the Supreme Court. For the third time, the West Virginia Legislature adopted a concurrent resolution for a joint session in February to hear an address by Governor Hunneshagen, following which the members of both Boards of Public Works visited and conferred with each other. For the first time, a program was presented by two exchange students who were in America through the sponsorship of the American Field Service. Governor Underwood flew to the Camp from Charleston to speak to the State, and Judge Chauncey Browning administered the Oath of Office to the Governor, the members of the Board of Public Works and the Boys State Supreme Court of Appeals at the inauguration ceremonies held in the amphitheatre.



JOHN F. KILE
Governor, 1957

John Kile became the 10th Federalist Governor, but the Supreme Court and Board of Public Works were captured by the Nationalist nominees. The Federalist's controlled the Senate by the narrow margin of 14-12, but lost the House of Delegates to the Nationalists 27-25. Governor Kile faced the same difficulty encountered by most of his predecessors in that he faced a divided legislature in presenting his program for adoption. During Governor Kile's term of office, the State celebrated it's Twentieth Anniversary and was host to the past governors of Mountaineer Boys State at a banquet in their honor. For the first time a program was presented by Midshipman Don Thompson from the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The State viewed the "Annapolis Story," and the Staters showed a solid interest in the Academy by the many questions presented to Midshipman Thompson. For the first time, the Mountaineer Boys State Flag was flown.



WM. D. SHAFFER
Governor, 1959

Boys Staters elected their 11th Federalist governor — there have been 11 Nationalists — but gave Governor William Shaffer a sweep of other state offices as well. Four of the seven members of the Board of Public Works and three of the five Justices of the Supreme Court also were Federalists.

But, in typical Boys State fashion, the citizens refused to give their new governor control of the legislature.

As in 1958, an exchange student was at the State to observe a republic in action, Klaus-Peter Weiner, West Berlin, spent a year at Clendenin High School before coming to Boys State.

Governor Underwood again returned to Boys State for an address. The governor was a member of the staff at Boys State more than 10 years ago. Supreme Court Justice Chauncey Browning again administered the oath of office to the incoming officials.

Governor Bill Shaffer is the first Fairmont resident to win that high office.



DEAN THOMPSON
Governor, 1960

Federalist Dean Thompson was the first governor to have both houses of the Legislature evenly divided when he took office. The Governor got control of the Senate when his candidate won by a flip of the coin. The House went to the Nationalists on the third ballot after extensive debate.

Because of a question of the legality of coin flipping as a means of settling tie votes at Boys State, an amendment was adopted requiring that tie votes be broken by legislative action. Another amendment submitted to the State at a special election made the Superintendent of Schools an appointive officer. This was passed to bring the Boys State constitution in line with that of the State. Anthony Anastasia was the first Stater appointed to that office.

The 1960 state also passed a resolution asking for the paving of the baseball courts. They would be named in honor of the late William R. Fugitt, Chief Counselor of Boys State for 14 years until his death in December 1959.

FULL NEWS COVERAGE

Full news coverage of Boys State activities is provided by the Associated Press and United Press International. These two press associations serve all daily newspapers, radio and television stations in the state. Your parents and friends will read and hear about you during the week.

Attendance

1936	300	1950	331
1937	413	1951	319
1938	337	1952	329
1939	380	1953	329
1940	360	1954	339
1941	404	1955	336
1942	400	1956	347
1944	363	1957	349
1946	298	1958	345
1947	323	1959	342
1948	337	1960	345
1949	324	1961	348

Grand total 8,338

AN ANCIENT PROVERB FOR GUIDANCE

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not—
he is foolish, shun him;
He who knows not, and knows that he knows not—he
is unlearned, teach him;
He who knows, and knows not that he knows—he is
asleep, awaken him;
He who knows, and knows that he knows—he is wise,
follow him.

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Governor Kiger To Open 25th Boys State June 3



GLENN KIGER
24th Governor

With motion picture cameras in action, the Silver Anniversary American Legion Boys State welcomes more than 300 high school juniors June 3 for a week-long citizenship training camp.

Gov. Glenn Kiger will call the State to order at 4 p.m. for the first assembly program of an action-packed week.

For the 25th time since 1936, the cream of West Virginia's high school students will taste the thrills of campaigning, the excitement of election night as ballots are counted, and learn of the day-by-day routine which must be mastered to operate a government.

American Legion Boys State is the second oldest in the nation. Officials of the American Legion who have visited other states report that ours has the best location of any they have observed. With the State 4-H camp as its campus, Boys State has ample facilities for its tight schedule of work and play.

Jacksons Mill, as most Staters learn for the first time, is a part of West Virginia University. Administration is under the direction of the College of Agriculture.

There are three major high spots in activity for the first three full days: Monday—the primary campaign and election; Tuesday—the general election; Wednesday — inauguration of the Silver Anniversary Boys State governor.

Sunday is a day of preparation for the fast-paced events which follow. A rundown of the day's activities in 1960 will give the '61 class an idea of what to expect:

1:00pm Check in time at Harrison Cottage. Draw bedding, report to assigned county, meet your county counselor.

4:00pm Assembly program. General introduction.

5:15pm Your initial introduction to the best food in West Virginia.

7:30pm Assembly program. Discussion of the role of political parties. Instructions for the events immediately ahead. Preparation for the primary election.

9:30pm Return to counties. Each political party in each county selects one member of the state executive committee, other election campaign officials.

10:00pm Nationalist and Federalist state executive committees meet separately at headquarters to choose a state chairman for each party.

FAST-PACED DAY

Candidates for all state offices begin Monday morning activity by filing certificates of candidacy with the Secretary of State. Candidates for the state legislature, county and city offices file with their county counselors.

The deadline for filing is at noon Monday.

Monday afternoon is only partly occupied with class work but the main activity is in "politikin." Candidates make their way from county to county in an attempt to line up enough votes to assure nomination in the primary. Red and blue badges signify party affiliation and no time is wasted Monday with members of the opposition party. Their votes are of no assistance in a primary election.

Polls open Monday evening after the assembly program adjourns. By midnight the final totals are available at headquarters. Successful candidates fall asleep in the quietness of the valley of the West Fork River as they plot strategy for the following day.

The general election is slated for Tuesday evening following the assembly. Final returns are usually reported about 11:00 pm.

Judge Chauncey M. Browning of the State Supreme Court of Appeals is again scheduled to administer the oath of office to the newly-elected Boys State officials. Colorful ceremonies are held in the outdoor theater Wednesday afternoon. Full news coverage by newspapers and television stations carries the story of the election into every section of the state.

Even before the official inauguration, the newly-elected state officials begin to function. The new governor will address a joint session of the State Legislature. He will also meet with his Board of Public Works to draft a budget.

Because of the narrow margins of victory in Boys State elections, the control of the legislature is rarely held by the party winning the governor's office. At most, the governor's party will have control of one house.



BOYS STATE LEADERS—Chief Counselor Chester Phillips (left) and his assistant, Lincoln Cox, are shown talking with Robert E. Lester, commander of the West Virginia Department of the American Legion in 1961. As head of the Legion, Lester was president of Boys State.

Motion Picture Cameras Ready For Boys State

The Silver Anniversary Boys State will go under the cameras this year as a half-hour, full-color motion picture is filmed.

Jack Adams, Commander of the West Virginia Department of the American Legion, announced in March that the Weirton Steel Co. had agreed to pay for the cost of the film as a service to the state.

After pre iminary script conferences in Charleston, plans have been made for camera crews to film action at Jackson's Mill beginning at 1:00 p.m. Sunday when Boys State officially opens. The crews will be at the Mill through Friday in order to make a record of the track and field meet and swimming contests.

Boys Staters this year will soon become accustomed to keeping an eye open for power cables as they make their way into various buildings. They'll become accustomed to bright lights, too. The use of color film requires higher intensity lighting than black and white.

Invitations have been extended to all previous governors for Wednesday afternoon. They will appear briefly in the film.

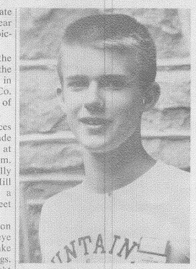
The advance script calls for shooting arrival scenes Sunday afternoon, boys getting settled in their cabins and making their beds, campaign action Monday, class sessions on several mornings, the pre-general election assembly Tuesday, the inauguration of the 25th Boys State governor, the appearance of Governor W. W. Barron, sessions of the legislature and sports events.

Many of the scenes may well "fall on the cutting room floor" as the film is edited down from thousands of feet exposed to enough for 28 minutes. This length was selected in order that the film may be shown on television.

Completion of the film is scheduled for late July or early August. It may be borrowed by groups anywhere in the state. The American Legion hopes that it will be widely shown outside West Virginia, too.

Since 1963 is West Virginia's Centennial, the State Centennial Commission has plans to use the film as a means of advertising the state.

So far as state American Legion officials can determine, this will be the first professional film of a Boys State ever made at any of the nation's 50 Boys States.



GEORGE BENNETT
Federalist Candidate

Neither Party Can Extend Victories, Record Discloses

One thing is certain about politics at Boys State: each party has been able to dominate some state offices in the past 24 years but neither has been able to maintain a grip on the Governor's office.

When Federalist Dean Thompson was elected in 1960, he broke an 11-11 tie and put his party ahead. Nationalist Glenn Kiger moved his party back into a tie in 1961.

To add to this oddity, look at the 16 victorious Federalists elected Treasurer in 24 years and the 14-10 margin posted by the Nationalists in winning the Auditor and Commissioner of Agriculture.

Despite the variations, the Board of Public Works is divided 83-all after 24 years. Chances are that the 1962 elections won't make too much difference in these historical trends.

The Nationalists extended their Supreme Court domination by sweeping all five judgeships in 1961. They now have a 69-48 lead. This puts the Nats ahead 152-131 in total offices. Here is an analysis of all races in the 24-year history of Boys State:

Governor	12F	12N
Secretary of State	14F	10N
Supt. of Schools*	9F	13N
Attorney-General	12F	12N
Auditor	10F	14N
Treasurer	16F	8N
Agriculture Comr.	10F	14N
Total Board of Public Works	83F	83N
Supreme Court**	48F	69N
Grand Total	128F	144N

* This office became appointive in the 1960 Boys State in keeping with a change in West Virginia law.

** Our early records are incomplete. In 24 years there have been 120 boys elected to the Supreme Court. We have been able to find the political affiliation of 117.

The 8,000th Boys Stater was introduced at the 1961 Sunday evening assembly program by Governor Thompson.

David Allan Lambert of Red Creek, Tucker County, the honored Stater, was sponsored by Thomas Post No. 22 of the American Legion.

Here's Mail Call Plan For 1962 Boys State

Here is the correct address for mail sent to you at Boys State: Your name, State 4-H Camp, Weston, West Virginia. When you arrive at Boys State and are assigned to one of its 13 counties, you will be asked to write home immediately giving the name of your cabin.

Outbound mail is picked up at 9:30 a.m. from the box at the dining hall. Mail left for dispatch at GHQ is taken into Weston each evening.

One mail a day arrives at Boys State. It is distributed prior to lunch.

Governor: Glenn Kiger (N) defeated George Bennett (F).
Secretary of State: Dave Brown (F) defeated Charles Yarborough (N).
Attorney General: Tom Harrold (N) defeated Steve Berman (F).
Treasurer: Bill Fisher (F) defeated Rick Robinson (N).
Auditor: Tom DeVoge (F) defeated David Cook (N).
Commissioner of Agriculture: Richard Wilson (N) defeated Joe Ferri (F).
Supreme Court (all N): John Harpold, Paul Lambert, Robert Mills, Mike Shumate and Andy Lucas.
Unsuccessful candidates for the court (all Federalists) were Gary Beale, Johnny Husk, Larry Lusk, Bill McWhorter and Gary Daniel.

Noisy, Colorful, Exciting Program Is Prelude To Boys State Election

One of the loudest, most enthusiastic assembly programs ever to rock the rafters at Boys State paved the way for the 1961 general elections.

The traditional Tuesday night presentation of candidates is designed to make each party look its best and to send the party faithful roaring off toward the polls.

A Dixieland band thumped out a shuffling two-beat while half the audience chanted "When the Feds Go Marching In." For its rhythmic part, the opposition found the name of its gubernatorial candidate, Glenn Kiger, to make a perfect chant "Kiger, Kiger, Kiger" chants rang out in a seemingless endless succession.

There was more than music and cheering. There were signs. Not just simple signs but elaborate works of art which, at a glance, signified the hours of preparation required. Almost nowwhere in the Assembly Hall could the woodwork be seen. Every inch of space was covered with signs.

Federalist candidate George Bennet of Morgantown entered the hall in great style on the shoulders of his supporters.

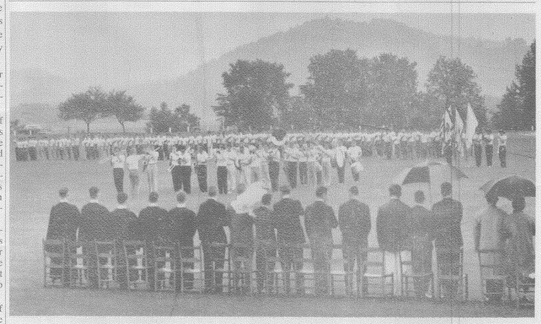
But Huntington's Pat Deery, chairman of the National Executive Committee, appeared to have the edge in organization. He staged a parade around the camp before the assembly program and reached a climax with the Nats pouring into the hall. Each Nationalist candidate for state office wore a large name tag.

Keynoter Dave Brown of Clarksburg coined a ringing phrase when he hammered on the importance of turning West Virginia "from a state among mountains to a mountain among states. . . . " His counterpart, George Mills of Huntington, turned to lighter comment in urging citizens to clean up Boys State to make way for Girls State.

The Feds urged a Progress Corps for West Virginia to be patterned after the national Peace Corps. Formation of a Boys State alumni association was advocated by the Nationalists.

After each keynote speech, the party faithful paraded and cheered as their bands played.

Considering the short time for preparation, the Tuesday assembly was far more colorful than a Republican or Democratic national convention.



RAINY DAY SALUTE—The 24th Boys State stood at attention in 1961 as "The Star Spangled Banner" was played by the band and the flag was lowered. Reviewing stand in front of GHQ was occupied by the Boys State Supreme Court (robed, at left) Gov. Kiger and other officials and guests. The evening meal follows this formation.

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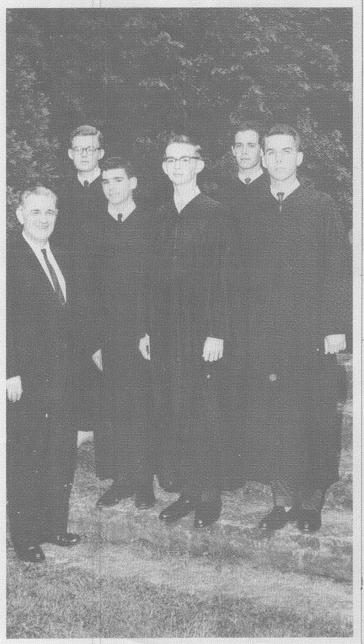
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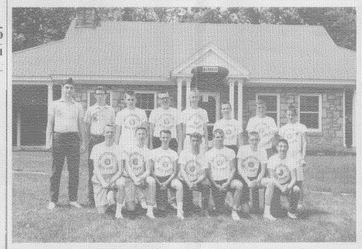
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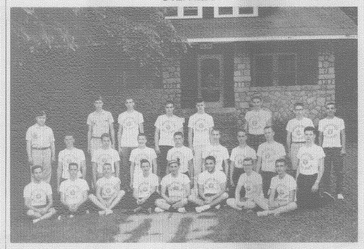
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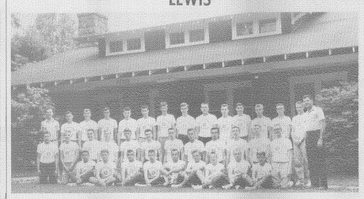
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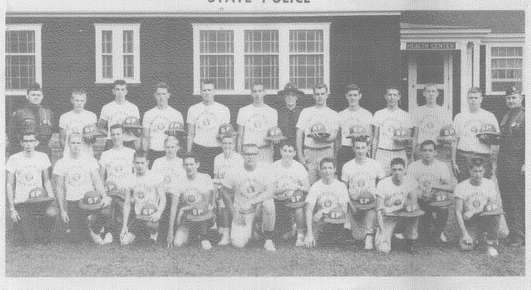
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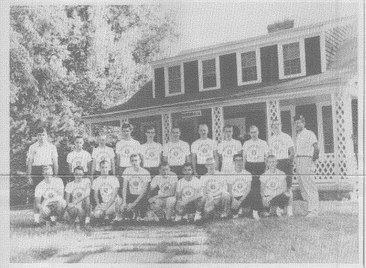
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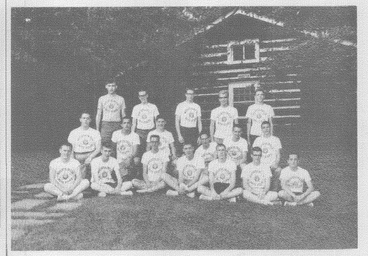
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