

RARDIN'S REVIEW



American Legion
Boys State
of America

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In 1946, he affiliated with Old Dominion Boys State, now the American Legion Boys State of Virginia. A firm believer that our country could only be as strong as our youth, he chose early in life to devote his energies to the young men and women of our nation, always encouraging the development of their minds, bodies and love for their country. Therefore, as a teacher, athlete and coach (basketball, baseball, football and track) in 1946, he expanded his youth activities to include the American Legion Boys State Program in Virginia.

Rardin has faithfully served this group with dedication and enthusiasm each year for a total of 37 years. During this association, he served 7 years as a city counselor (1946-52); 2 years as Chief City Counselor (1953-54); 21 years as Director and Ex-

ecutive Vice President of the Board of Directors (1955-75); and for the past 7 years as senior advisor and Executive Vice President of the Board of Directors (1976-82).

At his own initiative, Rardin undertook the extensive research necessary for this most difficult project. All aspects of the publication were completed solely through Rardin's efforts.

Rardin has graciously contributed his time and enthusiastic energies in individual and team efforts to advance one of the greatest and most important programs in this nation. Without hesitation, he has advanced his faith in the future of mankind through his efforts on behalf of young men and women. We of this great Commonwealth and the American Legion Boys State of Virginia salute Glen Rardin in this endeavor and for his untiring efforts to unify and strengthen all American Legion Boys State programs in our Nation. He has given us a stronger and better world in which to live.

Rex Tillotson
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of Virginia

FORWARD

After serving with the American Legion Boys State of Virginia for 37 years, I have become concerned that our many American Legion Boys State programs across the United States should share their experiences and accomplishments. In this manner, the excellence of our individual efforts will better match the excellence of our common purpose.

This little booklet is not a comprehensive text of the function of Boys State. Instead, it contains much factual information relating to almost all the state programs. It is intended to honor and publicize each of these state programs as they continue teaching good government on a state and local basis, promoting better citizenship, and encouraging leaders to become active as they endeavor to make their state and communities better places in which to work and to live.

To each Director, I extend my thanks

and appreciation for sending information concerning your respective American Legion Boys State Program. I regret that three states did not respond. Hopefully, their records will be included if this booklet is revised and reprinted in the future. If you desire additional information in more detail, please contact the Director of the state of your interest.

This booklet has been assembled over the last several years — tedious work at times but rewarding! To my knowledge, this is the first time in the history of the American Legion Boys State Programs that this kind of factual information has been compiled and distributed. May I extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the American Legion Boys State of Virginia, Inc. for underwriting this entire project and may you find the information herein interesting, informative and useful.

W. Glen Rardin
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of Virginia

PREFACE

Adolph Hitler, World Public Enemy No. 1 of World War II, was a corporal in Kaiser Wilhelms's German Army of World War I. He survived the onslaught of the Allies and returned as a conquered soldier to his homeland that was occupied by the enemy he had fought for years.

Hitler was an accomplished orator and a leader who had little difficulty in persuading his comrades to follow him. In a short time, under this leadership, they gained political power. Hitler was elected leader of Germany and established a fascist form of government.

In the late 20's, both Hitler and his comrades realized that before they could restore their former military power, they would be too old to take the field of battle to lead Germany to victory. This realization led to the need for a youth Nazi program to be brought into existence.

Hitler and his Nazi Party initiated the plan to have all high school students attend special summer classes where they would be taught military tactics and the Nazi philosophy. These schools were called Nazi camps and they flourished in Germany.

News of the movement and its purpose spread quickly to the United States and the world. At first Americans were not disturbed. We had helped defeat Germany in 1918 and believed that the 3000 miles of water (the stormy North Atlantic) would isolate us from the trouble.

During the 30's, Hitler and his Nazi Party ordered all Germans, regardless of the country of their residence, to establish schools similar to the Nazi camps to create sympathy and Nazi support over the world. As a result, German sympathizers in our northern states organized and started conducting the schools under the name of "Pioneer" or "Freedom Camps."

In addition to teaching military tactics, our American youth were being taught that although our democratic form of government had served its purpose well, it had outgrown its usefulness and should be replaced by some other type of government, namely fascism, which would give youth more freedom and opportunity for advancement.

Many people have asked me from time to time how Boys State started. The passing of years has somewhat dimmed or erased from my memory many of the details and preparatory measures which took place in the formative years.

While Henry Ford may have designed and built the first "tin Lizzie," many others have improved upon it to give us the Ford car of today. And so it is with Boys State — countless people, by their ideas, energy, and devotion to the purpose of the project have made it what it is today. Many of them have long ago gone to their eternal reward, but their contributions to the program serve as a lasting testimonial to their efforts and their unselfish service.

My greatest appreciation and indebtedness goes to a man who worked with me since the inception of this program and is as much responsible for its origin and development as I am. This is my friend and loyal supporter for many years, Harrold L. Card of Owaneco, Illinois (deceased May, 1967).

Harrold and I were attending a 40-8 meeting at Leland Hotel in Aurora in 1934. I was State Americanism Chairman at that time and Harrold was State Boy Scout Chairman. I was teaching at Loyola University Law School in Chicago, and Harrold was teaching in the high school at Taylorville, Illinois.

We discussed the Young Pioneer or Freedom Camps being conducted by the communist organization in this country, where boys of high school age were being taught that Democracy had outworn its usefulness and should be replaced by a new form of government, namely Communism.

Harrold Card and Hayes Kennedy were with the group of American Legionnaires from Illinois who attended the Americanism meeting in New York City in 1934 and enroute home stopped by the road side in Pennsylvania to inspect one of the Pioneer or Freedom Camps. We

found that in addition to teaching Communism, all delegates were wearing the brown German uniforms with high black boots and using the famous German goose step when marching. The camps were indeed similar to the "Nazi" camps which originated in Communist Germany.

Legal action could not be taken to close the camps because our Constitution provides for freedom of assembly as well as freedom of speech (even the expression of ideas that are contrary to the welfare of our nation).

We agreed that some counter movement must be started within the ranks of our youth to develop a better understanding of our system of government and to instill in them a desire to preserve it.

I mentioned to Harrold that it was my observation that many young men starting the the study of law were not well grounded in their understanding of the structure and operation of our governmental system, and I wondered if our schools were giving enough time to the teaching of civics and political science. He replied that the courses were offered in our schools but many of the students found them dry and uninteresting and retained little of what had been offered them.

He then related an experience he had a few years earlier in operating a Boy Scout Camp in Northern Indiana in Dune County. He had a large group of boys in attendance and was short handed in his staff. He had to devise some method to properly police the camp, so he organized the camp as a city. He permitted the boys to hold an election and elect a mayor and city council. Appointments were made to cover the appointive offices like police, fire, health, and sanitation. The boys became so enthused in carrying out their city duties that they almost neglected their scout assignments. These boys were learning by doing.

I then said, "Harrold, this gives me an

dea. Why couldn't we bring in high school boys of exceptional ability from all over the State at some central point for a week's functional study of government, supplemented by a series of lectures on the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. We could have several cities make up a county, and several counties make up the State. We could train them in the functional aspects of each segment of our government." He replied that the plan seemed feasible, but it was not a job for the region alone. The job would be to get widespread interest in the program by enlisting civic and patriotic organizations to participate in the program with us and to accept some of the responsibility of sponsoring boys as nominees for the school.

We then went to William C. Mundt, Department Adjutant of the American Legion, and Paul G. Armstrong, who was then Department Commander of the region and explained our dream. They both approved it enthusiastically.

In the fall of 1934, we had a meeting in Bloomington to which we invited the State and District Officers of the civic clubs — Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, and several other patriotic organizations, and explained our plan. We proposed that they join with the American Legion in making the school a joint enterprise. They preferred the Legion organize and sponsor the project as its own, and they would assist through their local chapters in sponsoring boys to the school. In the spring of 1935, the State Executive Committee of the American Legion in Illinois approved our project as part of the Legion's Americanism program. From then on, it took a great amount of promotional work to sell the idea not only to Legion Posts, but to the civic organizations. Harold and I went from Post to Post, and from civic club to civic club, explaining the program and soliciting their support in sponsoring a boy to the school. William Mundt, the Department Adjutant, handled the correspondence and the detailed paper work involved.

The first program was held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield in June, 1935, with 235 boys in attendance. We housed the boys in the cow barns, after we cleaned the stalls and disinfected them as best we could. Fortunately, there was no epidemic of any kind.

Near the end of the week, the delegates were asked to suggest a name for the program. After some discussion the name "Boys State" was suggested and since they had set up city, county, and state governments, that name was unanimously adopted.

The enthusiasm with which the boys accepted the program gave us added enthusiasm and we decided to try and induce the National Department of the American Legion to accept the program as part of its Youth Activities Program.

Our Illinois State Convention in the summer of 1935 passed a resolution asking that Boys State be made a part of the Americanism program of the Legion. The resolution then went to the National Convention of the Legion, held that year in St. Louis. I was given five minutes to discuss the resolution before the Resolutions Committee. It was difficult to tell the story in five minutes, but it was approved by the Resolutions Committee, and later adopted by the Convention. I am not sure the Convention fully understood the resolution, but no opposition was offered. From then on, Harold and I visited many states assisting State Departments in the organizing and planning of the program for their respective states.

At this time, I recall we visited Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, and Utah. There were others I don't recall.

It was an uncharted sea upon which we embarked with no compass or precedent to guide us, except our faith in and our belief in the worthiness of the project.

Today, after years, we look back with great satisfaction when we see the program functioning in every state in the Union. We feel rewarded when we see

graduates of Boys State holding public office and assuming the responsibilities of civic leaders, and by their conduct, contributing to the betterment and enrichment of their city, state, and national life.

THE BOYS STATE GOAL

The strength of any nation is not measured by its armed forces alone. First, it lies in the character, the honor, the courage, the devotion, the intelligence, the loyalty and sincerity of its citizenship. A nation is as strong only as its citizenship is strong. Citizenship with its various privileges carries with it corresponding duties and obligations.

A man becomes a good citizen only when he understands his government: when he recognizes his duties and his responsibilities to his government, when he participates in its problems, shares in its burdens, protects its good name and contributes to the richness of its life.

Today too many people seek the privileges and benefits of government without manifesting any willingness to shoulder or participate in its responsibilities.

Those who seek to destroy and overthrow our government have capitalized on this weakness or indifference on the part of our American people. We know about the progress that subversive groups have made in their endeavor to enlist converts to the furtherance of their cause.

We know that they have penetrated our colleges, our universities, our schools, our mills, our factories, our labor unions, and yes, even the pulpit itself and that they have sown the seeds of disloyalty, confusion and discontent, undermining confidence in our form of government, instilling in the minds of youth the philosophy that our form of government has outworn its usefulness, that it is a relic of the past, and that it must be replaced by a new form of government that offers youth an opportunity for achievement and reward.

There is nothing new in the so called "now" philosophy. Its sponsors have taken its pattern from the dusty shelves of antiquity, decorated it with new names, new phrases, new promises, the same as the tyrants and dictators did through the centuries of history.

One can readily understand that with misinformed and confused minds, a youth may accept the belief in the promise of a future that offers opportunity — bread and honey.

At Boys State we try to establish that our government is not a relic of the past. It has not outrun its usefulness and it should not be replaced by what Eastern Europe has today. It is just as firm, just as fair and workable as the day it was founded, and all it needs is a clear understanding of its structure, and a desire, willingness, and determination on the part of its citizens to preserve it.

Organization of Boys State

1935	Illinois	
1936	West Virginia Ohio	Pennsylvania
1937	Alabama Indiana Kansas	Michigan Missouri Oregon
1938	California Iowa Nebraska	New York North Carolina North Dakota
1939	Delaware Oklahoma South Carolina Utah	Vermont Virginia Wisconsin
1940	Arkansas Florida Georgia Louisiana	South Dakota Tennessee Texas Washington
1942	Connecticut	
1943	Idaho	

1944	Massachusetts	
1946	New Jersey	
1947	Arizona	Nevada
	Maryland	Wyoming
	Montana	
1948	Maine	New Mexico
	New Hampshire	
1949	Colorado	Minnesota
1957	District of Columbia	
1967	Alaska	
	Hawaii — no Boys State	
	Kentucky	
	Mississippi	
	Rhode Island	
	No information available	

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF INCORPORATION BY STATES

Within each of the following states and the District of Columbia, for one week each year, a new state comes into being. Its executive, legislative, and judicial branches function to govern its cities, counties, and regulate the activities of all citizens during this brief period. The physical boundaries of this "Mythical State within a State" are the limits of the campus on which it is held, but there are no limits to its usefulness in promoting real life citizenship.

This adventure in citizenship called the American Legion Boys State was organized and promoted by The American Legion in 1935. It is sponsored by the American Legion with the cooperation of civic and patriotic clubs in each state except Hawaii.

The states are listed in the order of the date their program was organized and conducted.

ILLINOIS

The first government or citizenship training program in the United States which was named Boys State by the delegates was conducted at the Illinois State Fairgrounds by The American Legion Department of Illinois in 1935.

The founders were: Hayes Kennedy, an instructor at Loyola University Law School, Chicago and Americanism Chairman; Harold L. Card (deceased May, 1967), a high school teacher and State Boy Scout Chairman; William Mundt, Commander of The American Legion, Department of Illinois.

The name Boys State was suggested and unanimously approved by the delegates who attended the first program. The name was changed to Pioneer Boys State in 1937, Premier Boys State in 1938, and later changed to The American Legion Premier Boys State.

Presidents have included:

Hayes Kennedy, 1935-1963

Sidney Halliman, 1964-

Joe McAdams with Karl Yost, Vice-President

Dan Brown with Karl Yost, Vice-President

Karl Yost, 1972

Boys State 1935: 235 delegates

1978: 995 delegates

Ratio to male classmates: 1:49

WEST VIRGINIA

Mountaineer Boys State was organized and conducted in 1936.

Directors:

William R. Fugitt, Director of the West Virginia High School Athletic Association at the time of his death.

Tommy E. Jones, Department Adjunct, The American Legion.

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is conducted annually at Jackson's Mill, State 4-H Camp, Weston, West Virginia.

Boys State 1978: 380

Ratio to male class members: 1:32

OHIO

Buckeye Boys State, Inc., organized in 1936 was the third Boys State to be organized.

Directors:

W. L. "Pete" DeWeese, 1936-1962

William R. Welsh, 1962-

The name was changed to The American Legion Buckeye Boys State in 1956.

Honors include:

6 Freedom Foundation Gold Medals

2 Ohio Governor's Awards for outstanding service to Ohio

Special Highway Safety Award

Distinguished Leadership Award by The Ohio Information Committee Citation, The Ohio Secretary of State Public Service

Graduates include:

Neil Armstrong, astronaut

Delbert Lotta, U.S. Congressman

"Buzz" Lukon, former U.S. Congressman and Ohio State Senator

William Livingston, Professor, University of Texas

Kenneth Creasy, Ohio legislature, Director, Welfare of Ohio

Richard Edwards, Vice-President, Bowling Green State University

C. William O'Neill, Jr., Ohio legislature

Boys State 1978: 1388 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:56

PENNSYLVANIA

Keystone Boys State was organized and first conducted in 1936. From 1936 through 1956, information was not available.

Directors:

Dr. Joseph Gavenonis, 1956-76, Past State Commander, Board of Education.

Don H. Jeffery, 1977-81, Past State Commander and Past National Vice-Commander Electronics equipment specialist Department of Army, Department of Navy.

For many years, Keystone Boys State was conducted at the University of Penn-

sylvania. It is currently conducted at Millersville College, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

Boys State graduates include students to the United States Air Force and United States Naval Academies, the United States Marine Corps Officer Selection Program. The Chief Counselor for 1978-81, Captain Tim Taylor of the U.S. Marine Corps, was a graduate of Keystone Boys State.

ALABAMA

Alabama Boys State was first conducted in 1937.

Directors were:

Dr. Trotter Jones, Department Adjunct, American Legion.

Dr. Claude Haywood, Minister and Director Americanism.

David M. Vess, Director Americanism.

Cliff Harper, Assistant Commissioner, SEC.

Lewis E. McCray, Executive Director, West Alabama Planning and Development Council.

The American Legion Alabama Boys State is conducted on various college and university campuses around the state. It is not conducted at the same location two consecutive years.

Graduates include:

Dr. David Matthews, President, University of Alabama, and National Secretary-Department of Health, Education, and Welfare under President Ford

Richard Todd, quarterback for New York Jets

A number of graduates have participated in athletics across the state and a number are physicians, attorneys, judges, and members of the State Legislature.

Boys State 1978: 519 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:43

INDIANA

Hoosier Boys State was first conducted in 1937. Barney W. Breedlove has been the only Director. The current name of the

program is The American Legion Hoosier Boys State and it is conducted on the campus of Indiana State University at Terre Haute, Indiana.

Each year, an attendee is chosen as the "outstanding citizen" and attends Boys Nation along with the Hoosier Boys State Governor.

Also each year, a scholarship or scholarships are awarded to deserving individuals selected from among the attendees at Hoosier Boys State. This money is provided from the interest from \$100,000 left in the estate of Frank McHale, a past state commander of the Indiana American Legion. In a recent year, three boys who were selected by the Director of Boys State, the Associate Director, and the Dean of Counselors, each received the sum of \$2600. This money is sent directly to the university of their choice upon written notification from the university that the boys have enrolled. It can be used for room, board, tuition, or other expenses of a college education.

Boys State 1978: 915 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:40

About 37,000 young men have enjoyed and profited by their experiences at Hoosier Boys State.

KANSAS

Sunflower Boys State was organized and conducted in Wichita, Kansas in 1937.

Records prior to 1963 have been temporarily lost or misplaced.

Directors:

Patrick J. Finley, 1963-1966, Juvenile Court Judge, Kansas City.

Gib Mantey, 1967-1968.

Dino J. Spigarelli, 1969-1972 and 1976-1978, Superintendent, Frotenac High School.

Grant J. Lane, 1973-1975, U.S. Postal Service.

Russ Whorley, 1979, National Guard Administrator and Supply Technician.

The American Legion Boys State of Kan-

sas has been conducted annually on the campus of the University of Kansas in Lawrence since 1964.

Boys State 1978: 934 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:17

MICHIGAN

Wolverine Boys State Inc. was organized and conducted in 1937.

Directors were:

Everett DeRyke, Milan, Michigan.

Carl C. Matheny, Detroit, Michigan.

W.C. Bechtold, Iron River, Michigan.

Joseph A. Baldwin, Albion, Michigan.

Dwight H. Rich, Superintendent of Schools, Lansing, Michigan.

The American Legion Wolverine Boys State is conducted annually at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

In 1976, Bicentennial year, Vincent Marazita of Lansing was elected President of Boys Nation. Vincent was from Waverly High School.

Boys State 1978: 1065 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:62

MISSOURI

Missouri Boys State was organized and conducted in 1937.

Directors:

Bill Quick, Attorney.

Charles Hamilton, Attorney.

C.C. Richardson, Attorney, first Governor of Boys State.

Richard A. King, Attorney, former Governor of Boys State.

The American Legion Boys State of Missouri was conducted from 1937-41 at the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, from 1942-51 at the Kemper Military Academy in Booneville, in 1952 at Central Missouri University in Warrensburg.

We have prided ourselves throughout the history of our program on participation of former citizens in the administration of our Missouri Boys State.

A comprehensive list of graduates would be difficult to compile. A survey conducted three years ago revealed that

nearly 60% of the members of the Missouri General Assembly were graduates of Missouri Boys State.

Boys State 1978: 984 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:32

OREGON

Beaver Boys State was organized and conducted in 1937.

Directors:

George L. Rouch, attorney.

D.N. McDade, journalist.

William R. Stevens, business management.

Robert Miriana, lobbyist.

Robert Holmes, public utilities.

Dave Delaney, business management.

Beaver Boys State is conducted annually at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Awards, honors, and afterpositions held by Boys State graduates include:

George Lee Jefferson, Jr., Boys Nation President, 1950.

Earl Blumenhauer,
Representative, Oregon.

Dave Frohnmayer,
Representative, Oregon.

Rick Gustafson,
Representative, Oregon.

Mike Ragsdale, Senator, Oregon.

Dave Delaney, Leadership Award to Outstanding Staff or Counselor.

The above state representatives and senator are just a few that are well known. The above mentioned are most helpful to our Boys State program. We have more state representatives and others in positions of leadership.

Boys State 1978: 450 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:34

CALIFORNIA

California Boys State was organized and first conducted in 1938. Early records are not available at this time.

Philo Chambers, the current Chief Counselor, was a counselor in 1938, then City Counselor, County Counselor, Party

Counselor, but most of the years served as Chief Counselor. From 258 boys in 1938, he has seen the program grow to almost 1000.

Our Department Chairman, Richard L. Schick, is appointed by the Department Commander and approved by vote of The American Legion in Convention. He presides over meeting of Boys State Commission which decides on policies and approves appointments of Secretary, Chief Counselor, Assistant Chief Counselor, etc.

The Chief Counselor selects his staff of counselors, decides on items to be included in the educational program of Boys State, presides over meetings of Boys Staters, takes action needed for a smooth operation of Boys State.

Boys State 1978: 926
Ratio to male class members: 1:144

IOWA

Hawkeye Boys State was organized and conducted in 1938.

Directors:

Jordan Larson, 1938-39.

A. W. Coon, 1940-58 (29 years).

Glen Holmes, 1960-61.

Fred Smith, 1962-80, Deceased, auto accident 1980 Indianapolis.

William L. Murphy, 1981

Iowa Boys State is conducted annually at Camp Dodge in Des Moines.

Boys State in Iowa is a program of The American Legion developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government, that the individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of his government. As such, it is an activity of high educational value, born of a need for youth training in practical citizenship.

It is a Leadership Action Program where qualified male high school juniors take part in a practical government course designed to develop in the young citizens a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon them the fact that their government is just what

THEY make it. It is operated on the basis of the political government organization existing in Iowa, including all levels from the municipality to the State.

Boys State 1978: 832 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:26

NEBRASKA

Cornhuskers Boys State was organized and conducted in 1938.

Presidents:

Edward F. Carter, Supreme Court Judge.

R. C. Hatterson, Adjunct, The American Legion, Nebraska.

R.N. Riddle, retired.

The American Legion Cornhusker Boys State is conducted annually on the University of Nebraska campus at Lincoln.

Boys State purports "to educate our youth in the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship." It is wholly a plan for training in the practical aspects of government. It is functional in that applications of the principles of democratic government are made in every possible way. Boys State should be thought of as being a mythical 51st state with a constitution, statutes, and ordinances constructed by the citizens to govern themselves.

In Boys State, the young citizen has the opportunity to learn for himself that his government is just what he makes it. Here each boy "learns to do by doing."

Boys State 1978: 400

Ratio to male class members: 1:28

NEW YORK

Empire Boys State of New York was organized and conducted in 1938.

Directors:

Frank Love, lawyer, Syracuse.

George Spader, retired teacher, Morrisville.

Reginald Dodge, retired teacher, Morrisville.

Otto Edkin, school administrator, Oneida.

The American Legion Boys State of New

York, Inc. is conducted annually at the Agriculture and Technical College, Morrisville.

Positions held by Boys State graduates:

Clarence Rappelyes — New York Assemblyman.

Herbert Brewer — mayor, city of Oneida.

Nick Sallesse — Executive Director, American Legion Boys State of New York.

There are undoubtedly many others.

Boys State 1978: 1022 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:102

NORTH CAROLINA

Tar Heel Boys State was organized and conducted in 1938. Early records are unavailable.

Directors:

Jack D. Fleer, 1965.

Tar Heel Boys State is conducted annually at Wake Forest University.

Positions held by Boys State graduates are too numerous to list.

The Honorable James B. Hunt, North Carolina Governor, is a graduate of Tar Heel Boys State.

Boys State 1978: 447

Ratio to male class members: 1:76

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota Boys State was organized and conducted in 1938.

Directors:

Leroy Pease (deceased), Director, 18 years county school superintendent, Secretary of Greater North Dakota Association

M.B. Zimmerman, Director, 16 years retired county superintendent of schools.

David A. Wolf, Director, 2 years; also executive director for 15 years and advisor for 5 years, lawyer for Veterans Administration.

Marcus L. McDonald, Director 6 years, data processing manager.

M.B. Zimmerman and David A. Wolf have worked with North Dakota Boys State as counselors up through directors

and have been with the program since it started in 1938 and are still active in Boys State.

North Dakota Boys State, Inc. was originally held in the campus of North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton; in 1947, Boys State was moved to the North Dakota State University Campus in Fargo and is presently held there.

Offices or positions held by Boys State graduates include:

Bart Holaday — Jamestown, North Dakota who attended North Dakota Boys State in 1959. Graduated from the Air Force Academy first in his class, lettered in football at the Academy, was a Rhodes Scholar, employed by the U.S. government as an evaluator of oil, gas and other energy resources, presently employed by Gulf Oil at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as Director of Strategic Planning.

Boys State 1978: 661 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:8

DELAWARE

The Delaware Boys State was organized and conducted in 1939.

Directors:

William A. McWilliams, 1939-40.

George W. Ayers 1941-42.

W. E. Matthews, Jr. 1943-44.

Everett E. Barton 1945.

Edward A. Mulrooney 1946.

Dr. Carl J. Reese 1947.

W. E. Matthews, Jr. 1948-53.

William Melville 1954-56 (insurance).

W. Lule Mowlds 1957-58.

Park W. Huntington 1959-71 (minister).

Marvil A. Tice 1972- (supervisor, E.I. DuPont Co.).

Delaware American Legion Boys State is conducted annually at Delaware State College, Dover, Delaware.

Several graduates are or have served in the legislature of Delaware and in other capacities.

McDonald Coker, Assistant Director of the Legislative Council serves on the Boys State Committee and is a past graduate of

Delaware Boys State.

Boys State 1978: 98

Ratio to male class members: 1:41

OKLAHOMA

The first Oklahoma Boys State was held on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in 1939.

Directors:

Claude C. Dunlap, 1939, President, Eastern A & M College.

C.B. Hemminger, 1940-41 assisted by William C. Preetorius

Ted Baird, executive officer.

no Boys State 1942-43 (World War II).

In 1944, Boys State was held on the campus of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur. In 1946, Boys State was cancelled due to the polio epidemic.

Boys State 1978: 715 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:27

SOUTH CAROLINA

Palmetto Boys State was organized and conducted in 1939.

Directors:

Walter Johnson, Athletic Director, Presbyterian College.

Warren Geise, Athletic Director and Head Coach, University of South Carolina.

Virgin U. Duffie, Jr., Senior Trust Officer, Banker's Trust of South Carolina.

Edward T. Pendarvu, peanut business, Charleston, South Carolina.

Palmetto Boys State is conducted annually at The Citadel in Charleston.

Former Boys Staters include:

Hon. Richard W. Riley — governor, State of South Carolina.

L. Mendal Lavis — congressman.

Carroll Cambell — congressman.

Joseph P. Killey, Jr. — mayor, City of Charleston.

Boys State 1978: 700 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:27

UTAH

Utah Boys State was first conducted in

1939.

Directors:

E.A. Littlefield, Director, Veterans Administration Regional Office.

Bill Fisher, owner of Fisher Brewer.

Blaine Pitts, Employment Security Office.

Maley R. Bills, Department Service Officer, Utah.

Name changed to The American Legion Boys State of Utah in 1956.

Boys State 1978: 479 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:21

VERMONT

Green Mountain Boys State was first conducted in 1939.

Directors:

Charles Rising, educator.

no record during war years.

O. Meredith Parry, educator.

Floyd Rising, educator, son of the first director.

Richard C. Curtiss, Vermont State Police.

Harry Loyzelle, educator.

Green Mountain Boys State is conducted at Norwich University in Northfield.

Each year scholarships are given to various colleges: Middleburg College, Norwich University, Castleton State, Jobson State and each year a \$250 cash scholarship is awarded named in honor of Richard C. Curtiss.

Included in graduates are Congressman James Jeffords and former Vermont governor, F. Ray Keyser.

Boys State 1978: 305

Ratio to male class members: 1:11

VIRGINIA

Old Dominion Boys State, Inc. was first conducted in 1939.

Founder and Director: 1939-52, Judge Charles W. Crush. Past Department and Past National Vice-Commander, Lawyer, ex-member Virginia Assembly, and Judge.

Directors:

1953-54, James F. Barnes, III Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University.

1955-75, W. Glen Rardin Assistant Director, Virginia Division War Veterans Claims.

1976-, Rex Tillotson Associate Dean of Admissions, College of William and Mary.

In 1956, the name was changed to The American Legion Boys State of Virginia, Inc. The program was conducted on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia from 1939-63, the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia from 1964-1972, and Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia from 1973.

Boys State graduates are serving in local, state, and national public offices, as business executives, doctors, lawyers, educators, ministers, and leaders in all fields of endeavor. Former graduates include:

Linwood Holton, former Governor of Virginia.

Richard Poff, 20 years in United States Congress, now Federal Judge.

Joe Holliman, current secretary, Virginia House of Delegates, counselor Boys State, organizes Boys State General Assembly.

Glen Conrad, Federal Magistrate, counselor Boys State and supervisor of program.

Thomas Peake, President Boys Nation 1957 Professor of History, King College, Bristol, Tennessee.

George Blume, Ph.D., Extension Service, VPI, Boys State Counselor, 19 years and now assistant director.

Andy Bradshaw, Practicing attorney, legal counselor of Boys State for 12 years.

William Vest, Retired Loan Officer, Veterans Administration, Boys State Counselor for 16 years.

Malcolm Minnick, Jr., Minister, in charge of North American Missions, Lutheran Church.

Freedom Foundation Valley Forge Awards in 1966 and 1977.

Boys State Alumni in many of our high schools are putting into practice informa-

tion learned at Boys State about our two party system of government (registration, caucuses, conventions, campaigning, and elections) in selecting their class and student body officers.

Freedom Foundation Valley Forge Award presented to the 1957 Inaugural Speaker, M. Carl Andrews, editor of **The Roanoke Times**, for the following editorial:

"How proud the sponsors would be if they could have seen what happened at Boys State this past week. I have seen both U.S. Congress and the Virginia General Assembly in joint session and must say that these youngsters, with the expert coaching of adult counselors, staged an almost perfect simulation.

I came away with the distinct feeling that Virginia and our Nation are going to be in good hands if these high school juniors are a fair sample of our boys.

For one I am grateful for this program. It is one of the finest and most constructive efforts by veterans to protect and project the principles for which they fought three wars."

Boys State 1939: 248 delegates

1979: 690 delegates

1981: 750 delegates; 100 counselors

Ratio to male class members: 1:46

The 1982 Virginia Boys State was highlighted by the induction of Legionnaires and Past-Directors of Boys State; W. Glen Rardin, A.M. "Pappy" Renick, Charles W. Crush, Founder, Arthur James, and John W. Wicker into the Boys State Hall of Fame.

Schedule includes:

Recreation 3:00—6:00 p.m. daily.

City Tournament play in softball, touch football, basketball and tennis.

Extracurricular Activities 3:00-6:00 p.m. daily. CPR, Better Speaking and Parliamentary Law.

WISCONSIN

Badger Boys State was first conducted in 1939.

Directors:

Val W. Ove, 1939-70, manufacturer's

representative.

Jack Mercier, 1971-75, Wisconsin Education Association.

Clyde M. Knox, 1976-, Guidance Director.

Badger Boys State is conducted annually at Ripon College in Ripon.

Honors, offices and positions held by Boys State graduates are too numerous to list. There are graduates in industry, medicine, politics, education, science, military, ministry and many other fields.

Boys State 1978: 1,053

Ratio to male class members: 1:33

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Boys State was first conducted in 1940.

Directors:

R.L. Gordon, outdoor advertising.

Morgan H. Wright.

N.B. Weese.

Arthur G. Frankel.

Charles B. Partee, superintendent of public schools.

Marvin Bankston.

Ned W. Moseley, superintendent of public schools.

A.F. Thomas, public school federal project officer.

Paul Riviere, Secretary of State, Arkansas.

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Dalda F. Womack, superintendent of public schools.

The American Legion Arkansas Boys State was originally conducted at Arkansas School for the Deaf, Little Rock. It was then moved to Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, and is currently held at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

In 1943 Arkansas Boys State was awarded "Honorable Mention" and third place in the first annual contest for a National Boys State Trophy. The award was based on activities designed to sustain the interest of citizens throughout the session and to carry out the underlying principles of National Boys State programs.

Some Arkansas Boys Staters have become governors, congressmen and U.S.

Senators.
Boys State 1978: 885 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:15

FLORIDA

Florida Boys State was first conducted in 1940.
Directors:
Harvey Wood, 1940.
M.L. Montgomery 1941-45.
William Gates, 1946-47, city official and mayor.
Mark Wheeler, 1948-51, Public Relations-Power Company.
Clyde V. Hayman, 1952-56, school principal.
Harlan Jamison, 1957, school principal.
Clyde V. Hayman, 1958, school principal.
R. Elenore Hood, 1959-66, Staff Member of Congress.
Robert A. Francis, Sr., 1970-79, retired building contractor. Francis' son was killed in Vietnam and the 1972 session was conducted by assistant, William Rutherford.
Florida American Legion Boys State, Inc. has been conducted at the state capitol in Tallahassee since 1940 on the campus of Florida State University (formerly Florida College for women).
Honors, awards, positions held by graduates are too numerous to list. Current positions held by graduates include:
Lawton Chiles, U.S. Senator.
Bill Gunter, former Congressman, presently, State Treasurer.
Edmond J. Gong, 1947 Boys State Governor was Boys Nation President and a state senator.
Ted Hendricks, pro football.
Other graduates became municipal judges, a Supreme Court Justice and held many other notable positions.
O.T. "Casey" Cason is is the Florida pride and joy. He has worked with Boys State for 31 years and Boys Staters who don't remember us, all remember him.
Boys State 1978: 599 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:76

GEORGIA

Georgia Boys State was first conducted in 1940.
Directors:
Charles Morgan, retired.
Robert Joiner, Department Adjutant.
Edward Hughes, City Court Judge.
William B. Steis, Attorney, legislator.
Roy Whitlock, ROTC Instructor (USMC Col. Ret.).
Georgia Boys State is conducted at Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, Georgia.

LOUISIANA

Pelican Boys State was first conducted in 1940.
Directors:
Colonel T. Perry Cole, Professor of Mathematics, Louisiana State University.
Dean A.R. Choppin, Dean of Chemistry and Physics, Louisiana State University.
Albert L. Clary, Director of Academic Services, Louisiana State University.
Louisiana Boys State is conducted annually at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge.
Graduates include:
Honorable Edwin Edwards, Governor of Louisiana.
Henson Moore, U.S. Congressman from Louisiana.
Numerous members of the Louisiana Legislature and officials in local government.
Boys State 1978: 650 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:35

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Boys State was first conducted in 1940.
Directors:
Charles Dalthrop, educator.
Five prominent Legionnaires were involved in the early years of the program. In addition to Dalthrop, they include:
N. Peter Wenge, insurance broker.
Ivan Huntsinger, attorney.

Dr. Harry Darling, dentist.
Judge Harry E. Mundt, attorney and Circuit Court Judge Mundt remained active in the program for 35 years until his death in December, 1977. He served in a variety of capacities including many years as Director.
Chandler L. Beach, attorney.
Present Director:
Bob Whittemore, insurance agent.
The name was changed to American Legion Boys State of South Dakota in 1963 following a request from National Boys State Conference to have the name American Legion in all program titles. The program has always been held in the campus of Northern State College in Aberdeen, a state supported institution of higher learning. Northern State College is turned over to Boys State for a week without charge.
Graduates include:
Chandler L. Beach, Outstanding Citizen of the first South Dakota Boys State later became Boys State Director in addition to his distinguished law career until his untimely death in 1969.
Karl Wegner, Boys State Governor in 1947, medical doctor and Dean of the School of Medicine, USD.
Tom Brokaw, 1957 Boys State Governor, host of NBC's Today Show.
Larry Pressler, Boys State Graduate in 1959, State Legion Oratory Champ in 1960, U.S. Senator.
Of the 22 city counselors, all are in educational fields except one.
Boys State 1978: 580 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:11

TENNESSEE

Volunteer Boys State was first conducted in 1940.
Directors:
Col. Ralph Lucas, 1940-64, Staff, Castle Heights Military Academy.
Dr. Leonard Crawford, 1965-69 (deceased) Staff, Tennessee Tech.
Dr. William H. Roden, 1970-78, Staff, Tennessee Tech.

Dr. William S. Finnell, Jr. 1979-, Staff, Tennessee Tech.
American Legion Boys State, originally conducted at Castle heights Military Academy, Lebanon, Tennessee, is now conducted on the campus of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee.
Graduates include:
Lamar Alexander, 1957 Boys State Governor was elected Governor of Tennessee in 1978.
William H. Boner, 1962 delegate, has served in both Houses of the Tennessee General Assembly and is currently serving as the Fifth District Congressman in the U.S. Congress.
Boys State 1978: 578 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:41

TEXAS

Lone Starr Boys State was first conducted in 1940.
Directors:
Leo O. Smith, 1940-46, Beaumont.
C.A. Cryer, 1947-49, Borger.
Dr. W.F. Haynie, 1950-79, Austin.
Texas American Legion Boys State is held annually on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.
Graduates now occupy positions of leadership in local, state and federal government (17 are currently in House of Representatives, 3 in Congress, state and federal judges, college presidents, superintendents of schools, teachers, scientists, military personnel and ministers).
As you might expect, 99% of the more than 25,000 Texas Boys Staters have and are excelling in their chosen walks of life.
Boys State 1978: 929 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:86

WASHINGTON

Evergreen Boys State, Inc. was first conducted in 1940.
Directors:
Fred M. Fuecher, Department Adj-

tant.

W.H. (Bill) Dunn, Assistant Department Adjutant and Department Adjutant.

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State has been conducted at the following places:

1941 — Olympic Junior College, Beemerton

1946 — Western Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup

1947 — Camp Murray, Washington

1948-54 — Central Washington State College, Ellensburg

1955-66 — Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma

1967-73 — Gonzaga University, Spokane

1974— — Central Washington State University, Ellensburg

Boys State 1978: 584 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:43

CONNECTICUT

Nutmeg Boys State was organized and conducted in 1942.

Directors:

Robert Bellinger, industrialist.

Donald Potter, High Sheriff.

Edward Kelly, educator (administration).

J. Dean Spencer, state senator (deceased).

Robert M. Robbins, judge, present director.

The American Legion Boys State has been conducted annually at the following places:

1942 — Choate School

1943-72 — University of Connecticut

1973— — U.S. Coast Guard Academy

A former U.S. Congressman and present Lt. Governor of Connecticut is a former Boys Stater.

Boys State 1978: 379 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:56

IDAHO

The American Legion Gem Boys State was organized and conducted at Boise

State University.

To a select group of Idaho's most promising young leaders, we offer an excellent course in theory and practical application of city, county, and state government. Our objective is to have our delegates return to their homes, school, and communities, with a practical knowledge and experience in the operation of our local and state government.

Included in the course are the basic principles of our government, justice, and Americanism, which are foundations of our way of life.

Americanism is the sum of the three cardinal virtues: Faith, Hope, and Charity. Faith in the principles of our government, Hope in the future of our country, and Charity toward all, with malice toward none.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Boys State was organized and conducted in 1944.

Directors:

1944 Tracy A. Dibble (Legion N.E.C.).

1945 program cancelled (gas rationing).

1946 John P. Murray.

1947 Harold A. Rogers (Department Treasurer, American Legion).

1948 James J. Evans.

1949-50 Dr. Roland H. Barrett.

1951 Phillip G. Cashman (Department Commander).

1952 Joseph H. Ellingwood (Department Vice-Commander).

1953-63 Edwin H. Lombard.

1964-67 Gene Lewis (County Commander).

1968 Joseph H. Ellingwood.

1969-70 Herbert White (Department Vice-Commander).

1971-79 Harvey Forman, Esq. (Post Commander).

The American Legion Boys State of Massachusetts is conducted annually at Nichols College in Dudley.

Numerous Boys State alumni have achieved prominent positions in

Massachusetts government, including the last governor, Michael Dukakis. His election to the office of Mayor of the City of Gardner was nationally reported when Stephen Erickson was elected to the position as being the youngest mayor in the history of the Commonwealth. Lawrence DiCara of the Boston City Council (third term) had the distinction of being one of the youngest persons ever to hold that position. He is a past member of our Boys State and of Boys Nation.

Several members of the present state legislature are alumni, including Paul Harold who is also a member of the Quincy City Council. Alumni Dennis Curran is a member of the legal staff of the present governor, Edward King. Large numbers of alumni have had outstanding academic careers at a number of outstanding universities.

Boys State 1978: 476

Ratio to male class members: 1:83

NEW JERSEY

The Jersey Boys State was organized and conducted in 1946.

Harold A. Eaton is the first and only Director of Jersey Boys State. He was a high school teacher, principal, student admissions officer at Rutgers University who is now retired.

The American Legion Boys State was first conducted on the campus of Rutgers University and is currently held at Rector College, Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

Boys State 1978: 915 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:52

ARIZONA

Arizona Boys State was organized and conducted in 1947.

Directors:

W.C. "Tom" Sawyer, 1947, U.S. Employment Service.

James D. Walkup, 1948, U.S. Employment Service.

Laurence W. Carr, 1949, Funeral Director.

Delmar Layton, 1950-71, U.S. Veterans Administration.

Dr. Charles L. Vawter, Jr., 1972, college professor.

Arizona Boys State is conducted annually at the Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Former Boys Staters include:

Bruce Babbitt, Governor, State of Arizona.

Eino Jacobson, Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals.

Fred Koory, Supervisor, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Leo Corbett, President, Arizona Senate.

Smith Minarik, Assistant Director, Boys State.

Dennis DeConcini, United States Senator.

Boys State 1978: 390 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:33

MARYLAND

Maryland American Legion Boys State was organized and conducted in 1947.

Directors:

Erie R. Poorbaugh, 1947-54, Assistant to the Governor of Maryland.

Woodrow W. Bousman, 1955-56, U.S. Postal Inspector.

E. Donald Darr, 1957, Florist and Brunswick City Treasurer.

Dan Burkhardt, 1958, Department Adjutant, American Legion.

Maryland American Legion Boys State is conducted annually at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.

Boys State graduates are teachers, medical doctors, dentists, political office holders, attorneys, FBI agents, policemen, firemen, national Oratorical Champion, clergymen, etc.

Boys State 1978: 290 delegates

Ratio to male class mates: 1:92

MONTANA

The American Legion Montana Boys State was organized and conducted in

1947.

Directors:

Robert Gregg, teacher.

Andrew Cogswell, university professor.

Theodore B. Hazelbaker, owner, insurance company.

The American Legion Montana Boys State is conducted annually at Western Montana College, Dillon, Montana.

A large number of Boys State graduates have taken positions of involvement in their communities. Many of them have served in the state legislature and in other state offices. United States Senator Max Baucus was selected by his fellow Boys Staters as the outstanding citizen of the 1958 session of Montana Boys State.

Boys State 1978: 502 delegates

Ratio to male class mates: 1:12

NEVADA

Nevada Boys State was organized and conducted in 1947.

Directors:

Dr. J.E. Martie, 20 years, Professor of Physical Education at University of Nevada in Reno.

Dr. Art Broton, 2 years, Professor of Physical Education at University of Nevada in Reno.

Chester Howard, 2 years, Administrator, Clark County Schools (Las Vegas)

John Lindsay, 3 years, State of Nevada and U.S. Government in Employment Security Department, Carson City.

Fred W. Anderson, Jr., 6th year, teacher, Churchill County School District in Fallon.

Nevada Boys State has been held at the University of Nevada in Reno, Stead Air Force Base near Reno, Las Vegas, Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, Stewart Indian School near Carson City, Clear Creek Youth Camp near Carson City, and at the Naval Air Station near Fallon.

Many graduates hold important positions. The present Governor of Nevada, Bob List, and Attorney General Robert

Bryan are two outstanding graduates.

Boys State 1978: 198 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:19

WYOMING

The Wonderful Wyoming Boys State was organized in 1947.

Directors:

F.W. Bartling 1948.

W.L. Chapman 1949-50.

Carroll S. Mohr 1951-52.

V.S. Christensen 1953.

Kenny Sailors 1954.

F.W. Bartling 1955.

W.L. Chapman 1956.

Henry A. Burgess 1957.

Judge F. B. Sheldon 1958.

J.R. Coulter 1959.

Judge J.P. Ilsley 1960.

Joseph B. Sullivan 1961.

Robert A. Gish 1962.

Rex Yocum 1963.

Dean W. Borthwick 1964.

Andrew McMaster 1965.

David D. Uchner 1966.

E.J. Herschler 1967.

John T. Langdon 1968.

Robert E. Johnstone 1969.

James T. Anderson 1970.

L.V. Stafford 1971.

John O. Callahan 1972.

James Q. Kelly 1973.

Gordon Mickelson 1974.

Charles McBride 1975.

Robert Laramore 1976.

O.R. Daily 1977.

Wayne Laddusaw 1978.

Frank Shaffer 1979.

David E. Nauman 1980.

The official name is still the same but does get shortened to Wyoming American Legion Boys' State. The first year we held our Boys' State on Casper Mountain at the Lions Camp south of Casper, Wyoming. The next four years at the University of Wyoming Science Camp near Centennial, and since that time, we have held our Boys State at The Wyoming State Fairgrounds at Douglas, Wyoming.

We have not kept any records of how

our graduates turn out. We have one presently working as the assistant to the Governor of the State of Wyoming (1980), who, by the way, served ten years on the staff of our Boys State. Several others that I can recall are serving as attorneys and businessmen in our state. Two past Boys Staters serve on our Boys State Staff each year.

For all our 33 year history, all of our staff members are Legionnaires who donate their time for the program. The only paid employees on our staff are our cooks and one typist and our Department Adjutant. All of our instructors in the legislature and courts are either serving or have served in our State Legislature and as attorneys or judges in our court system. It has only been in the past few years that we have had to find some non-Legionnaire help. Three are presently serving on our staff and they also are donating their time for the program and for boys.

Wyoming was the first and only state to organize and conduct Girls State before Boys State. Mrs. Bartling, the wife of one of our founders, contacted National Headquarters of the American Legion in Indianapolis with the information that Wyoming was the first state to adopt women's suffrage, had the first lady governor and suggested that it was appropriate that they should organize Girls State before Boys State. National Headquarters agreed.

Mrs. Bartling visited some states that had organized Girls State and upon returning home worked out the program for Wyoming. Her husband, F.W. Bartling, who was in the Legislature of Wyoming at that time, taught legislation at Girls State until organizing Boys State in 1947.

The Wyoming program was based on that established for Girls State and is still in use with many innovations and changes to fit the increasing numbers of delegates and conditions.

Wyoming is the only Department operating Boys State without one paid staff member. Even the midwinter conference to arrange for next year's program

is made at Staff members' expense. So we are indeed fortunate that so many dedicated Legion members as well as Wyoming citizens offer their time and talent to handle the affairs of this organization solely for the education of youthful delegates in matters concerning our state government as well as those of the Court system of our country.

MAINE

Dirigo Boys State was organized and conducted in 1948.

Directors:

1948-49 George E. (Eck) Allen, Professor, University of Maine.

1950 Milo Lude, Professor, University of Maine.

1951-58 Gerald J. Grady, Professor, University of Maine.

1959-60 David R. Fink, Professor of Education, University of Maine.

1961-63 Eugene A. Mawhinney, Associate Professor of Government, University of Maine.

1964-66 Walter S. Schoenberger, Professor, University of Maine.

1967-70 Kenneth P. Hayes, Professor, University of Maine.

1971-75 James L. Wright, Associate Professor, Husson College.

1976-77 James F. Horan, Department of Political Science, University of Maine.

1978- Eric A. Duplisea, College of Education, University of Maine.

Dirigo Boys State is conducted annually on the campus of the University of Maine in Orono.

Boys State 1978: 516 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:14

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Profile Boys State (for the state symbol "The Old Man of the Mountains") was organized and conducted in 1948.

Directors:

1948-61 Francis Gerrymonte, teacher.

1962-63 Milan Knight, teacher.

1964-72 Jerry Smart, teacher.

1973-74 Alan Stevens, teacher.
1975-76 Richard A. Prescott, teacher.
1977-78 Thomas G. Dimitriadis, teacher.

1979- Richard A. Prescott, teacher.

Profile Boys State was originally conducted on the campus of the University of New Hampshire at Durham. From 1972-1976, it was held at the New England Aeronautical Institute at Nashua. From 1977 until the present, New Hampshire American Legion Boys State is held at Saint Anselm's College in Goffstown.

Included among graduates are Thomas Rath, Attorney General for the state of New Hampshire and the mayor of the second largest city in New Hampshire, Maurice Arel.

Boys State 1978: 207 delegates
Ratio to male class members: 1:26

NEW MEXICO

American Legion New Mexico Boys State was organized and conducted in 1948.

Directors:

Pat Miller, school administrator.

Earle W. Stark (deceased), Department Adjutant.

Everett Grantham, attorney at law.

B.P. Wood, attorney at law.

Clyde Faucett, school administrator.

A.L. Ortiz, judicial employer.

New Mexico Boys State has been conducted at the following locations:

El Rito Normal School, El Rito

New Mexico School of Mines and Technology, Socorro

Eastern New Mexico University, Portales

New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell

Graduates of Boys State include:

Harrison Schmitt, astronaut, landed on moon, U.S. Senator.

Many in the New Mexico House of Representatives.

Many New Mexico Senators.

Lt. Governor, State of New Mexico.

Boys State 1978: 500 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:18

COLORADO

Colorado Columbine Boys State was organized and conducted in 1949.

Directors:

Carl Duncan, superintendent of schools.

Joe Cook, district judge.

Jack Seefeld, insurance.

Walt Bastrom, high school coach.

Harold Burdick, electronics development.

Joe Ross, teacher.

David McFarland, manufacturer.

Neal Price, Boy Scouts of America.

Colorado Boys State has been conducted at the following locations: the YM-CA Camp at Estes Park; Colorado University at Boulder; and Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

Colorado Boys State has had two young men who went on to be Boys Nation presidents: Jeffrey Bauer and Michael Lopez.

Boys State 1978: 450 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:39

MINNESOTA

Gopher Boys State was organized and conducted in 1949.

Directors:

C.A. "Chic" Zeiwner, (deceased) former Adjutant and Department Commander, American Legion, Minnesota.

Lee Krough, (deceased) teacher/coach, high school and college levels, utility man on athletic staff of Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter.

Fred Freisleben, mail clerk, Clara City.

Legion Boys State is conducted annually at Saint Olaf College in Northfield and various other places at 5 year spans.

Positions held by former Boys State graduates include:

State Senator and former Mayor of Bloomington, Robert Benedict.

Former State Representative, U.S. Senator, former Governor of Minnesota, Wandell Anderson.

State Chairman, DFL Party, State of

Minnesota, Rick Scott.

There are many others of whom we are not aware and it would be a tremendous task to locate and list them.

Boys State 1978: 459 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:72

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District of Columbia Boys State was organized and conducted in 1957.

Directors:

Nicholas R. Beltrante, police officer.

Richard R. Viancour, director, Washington Redskins Band (deceased).

James Jones, police officer.

George T. Anderton, Jr., government printing office.

David A. Waugh, Department of Labor.

Richard R. Giasson, teacher.

George Bowie, retired fireman.

Chester F. Boratenski, Department of Agriculture.

1979-80 Leonard K. Kukoski, retired attorney, General Accounting Office.

District of Columbia Boys State has been conducted at Georgetown University, American University, Catholic University, Gallaudet College and the present location at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Boys State 1978: 54

Ratio to male class members 1:40

ALASKA

Alaska Boys State was organized and conducted in 1967.

Directors:

1967-71 Arlyn J. Hanson, teacher, Cooper Valley School, Glennallen.

1972-74 Joseph Brown, military retired.

1975-77 C. Russell Huber, past national vice-commander.

1978 - Arlyn J. Hanson.

Alaska Boys State is conducted at Camp Carroll, Alaska.

Boys State 1978: 94 delegates

Ratio to male class members: 1:14

HAWAII

No Boys State.

KENTUCKY MISSISSIPPI RHODE ISLAND

No information.