

Ronn Smith Gives Boys' State Report At Milford

By RONN SMITH

With all the Kosciusko County Boys' Staters aboard, the bus left the Warsaw Legion Post at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, June 12, 1965. We made one stop at about 10:30 for a late breakfast and an early lunch. We arrived at Indiana University at about 11:30.

First, we registered and got our room numbers and keys. All the Boys' Staters stayed in the Wright Quadrangle. Two boys were assigned to each room. I was paired off with a boy from Camden. This was lucky for both of us because he was a farmer too, and this gave us quite a bit to talk about since we had so much in common. Lunch was served in the cafeteria which we used all week. After lunch we had to fall in formation and start learning to march. We were pretty sloppy at first but by the end of the week we were doing a fairly good job.

Each of us was given a badge when we registered which had one's party on it. I was assigned to the Nationalist party. The opposing party was the Federalists. After a hard afternoon of marching, we had supper and all went to a meeting at 8:00 p.m. B. W. (Barney) Breedlove, President Elvis Starr (of I. U.), and Chancellor Wells (of I. U.) each spoke to the assembly of 928 Boys' Staters.

We each had a choice of either law, speech, legislature or police to take as our special course for the week. I chose the police course. On Sunday we started following a planned schedule as follows: 6:30 Reveille, 6:45 Flag Raising, 7:00 Breakfast, 8:15 Inspection, 8:30 General Assembly, 10 School by counties, 11:00 Political activities, 11:45 Dinner, 1:00 School by counties, 2:00 Special activities, 3:00 Athletics, 4:10 Band, 5:00 Guard drill, 5:05 Clean up, 5:20 Flag lowering, 5:30 Supper, 7:00 Political activity, 8:00 General assembly, 9:15 Free time, 10:15 Call to quarters, 10:30 Lights out.

At 8:30 on Sunday morning we had a church service instead of a General Assembly.

There were 16 cities, and 8 counties. I was in Watkins city and Harrison county.

By 2:30 Monday afternoon we had to have all elected city and county officials.

On Monday we followed the regular schedule and for the General Assembly in the evening, Barney

Breedlove told of the history of Hoosier Boys' State.

Tuesday's schedule consisted of lots of campaigning by the possible nominees for governor. Our separate parties had their conventions that day. Dick Keifer was elected the Nationalist candidate for Governor. The Federalists elected Clark Adams as their governor candidate.

Tuesday evening at the General Assembly the Governor candidate gave speeches. Each city had two counselors. The counselors for Watkins city were Mr. Mahan and Mr. Elmes. We had to address these men as "sir" just as in the army. They were about the most strict counselors there but they still let us have a little fun (only because their backs were turned).

The primary elections were held on Tuesday and the regular elections were held on Wednesday. Keifer, who lives in Lafayette, emerged the victor. He had the respect of more of the boys mainly because he gave a better speech on Tuesday night. He didn't use any notes but gave a fabulous talk. Adams just read (literally read) his speech and he lost the election, I believe, by doing this. Keifer only won by 7 votes and that's not too large a margin out of 928 boys.

Another thing that helped Keifer was that his administration proposed a grant for boys to come to Boys' State who were formerly ineligible such as boys in state homes, etc.

Tuesday was the biggest campaigning day of the whole week. At the assembly Tuesday night, after the governor candidates had given their speeches, each party had a demonstration with horns, drums and noisemakers in the auditorium. What a riot!

On Wednesday night, the elected state officers gave their acceptance speeches and made huge promises of things to come.

Talent Show. On Thursday night we had a talent show. This show had everything from piano players, singers, comedians to cornobos playing popular hits. The latter went over the best of all.

On Friday, the city leaders and guide-ons had to skip their regular afternoon classes to practice for the review at the football stadium that evening.

The governor of Indiana was to be there but had to do something

else and was unable to make it but he did send a long telegram to us. Barney Breedlove read to us the telegram. The telegram complimented us on our being chosen to attend H.B.S. and expressed his appreciation for the many people who make it possible for boys to gain such an experience.

At the review in the stadium the Carl Graham Award winner was announced. The winner of this award had to be courteous, cooperative, helpful, and an "all around" good citizen.

After the review at the stadium we marched to the East Hall where we saw a film on the history of Boys' State and also listened to Barney Breedlove's most moving talk of the whole week. He told of some of his experiences with H.B.S. The one I remember best is when he had to tell a boy during the war that his father had been killed in the South Pacific. He had tears in his eyes and his voice was broken when he told of this experience. Dr. Breedlove has been with H.B.S. every summer for his 23 year history.

On Saturday morning we fell into formation for breakfast as usual, packed our clothes, turned in our room keys, and had all kinds of recreation till each of us went his separate way back to regular home life after such an unforgettable week of marvelous experiences in learning about government and making new friends.

"Gomer"

I would like to close this report with a couple of incidents which led to a member of Watkins City having the nickname of "Gomer" for the week.

Watkins City's guide-on was a large boy (225 lbs.) who was about 6 feet tall. He was always turning the opposite way the other, was given to the city and hoped, skip, and jumped back into formation just as Gomer Pyle does on TV. Another incident which led to his receiving this nickname is that he lost the city's flag in the cafeteria at noon one day. After two days without a city flag for inspection or formation it was found and returned.

All the boys I talked with were going to make "Gomer" a part of their Legion report. His coming brought many a smile to the faces of the other 56 boys in our city. The bus left I.U. at about 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning and after

Commissioners Announce Plans For Annual Blacktopping of Roads

At their July meeting the county commissioners, Ray Ferverda, Lawrence Butts, and Frederick Gilliam, announced part of the roads they plan to blacktop in each district this year. Each one is allowed nine miles per year. All this work is to be completed this summer.

Northern district commissioner Ferverda plans to have blacktopped and widened three miles on the Tippecanoe country club road (700N) from Leesburg to Patona Bay. He also plans to blacktop road 375E and road 300E to the Bowser road. This is a mile and one quarter and one mile on road 1100E to connect with road 1000N. The other three and three-quarters miles is planned for areas in Jefferson township, two miles on road 700W other exact locations are not announced as yet.

Middle district commissioner Gilliam plans to resurface road 800W from US 30 to road 500N, a distance of two and one-half miles; a strip of road 100S from 650W to 800W, a distance of one and one-half miles; a strip of the Pierceton road from road 500E to Pierceton, a distance

of two miles; a strip one-half mile in length on Parke Avenue and one-half mile of road 300E between old road 30 and the "Y" at Chapman lake. He still has two miles to select.

Southern district commissioner Butts plans resurfacing of one mile of road 1200E to SR 13; two miles of road 200W north of SR 14, 2 miles of road 600W south of SR 14, one mile of road 675W north of SR 14, one mile of 450S east of road 400E and two miles on road 400E north of road 600S. Also the east entrance to Diamond Lake.

Road crews are busy in the southern district building new 40 foot grades for two and one-half miles on road 1200S east of road 700W, one mile on road 1200S west of road 700W, one mile on road 700S east of road 1000W and one mile of road 875W south of road 700S. This is the second year they have spent much of their time in the summer widening roads in the southern district.

Commissioner Ferverda reported that he had been receiving numerous complaints about the filling of side

ditches because farmers are farming up to highway-right-of-way and using the roads to turn their implements around.

Mrs. Richard Goshert of Harrison township asked that "Slow Children" signs be placed on road 50W north of Mentone. This request is to be taken care of; also a request for warning signs on road 200S by one of the commissioners. Mrs. Richard Hollar, Mrs. Eli J. Slabaugh and Mrs. Melvin Yoder asked that one-half mile be blacktopped on road 600N to join with road 1150W and that one-fourth mile on 1150W be blacktopped to join with road 650N. Six families need this in this three-quarter mile stretch. They were told by Mr. Ferverda that he can not do this anymore this year, but will consider it for 1966.

Harry Stark wants permission from the highway department to go under a road for drainage in a development on Tippecanoe lake. He will need to leave the road in good repair and right-of-way in good repair.

one stop we arrived home in Warsaw at about 3:00 p.m.

This week provided a most wonderful experience for me and I would like to thank all the people who made this possible. I sincerely hope that this activity is continuing indefinitely so many more boys may have a chance at attending the I.U. campus for a marvelously wonderful week of learning and making new friends and having the chance to take part in "for real" elections and other political activities.

(Editor's Note: Ronn was a squad leader in his city and received a perfect score on the state police exam. He was made a member of the force. He was also appointed to the livestock sanitary commission and the state alcoholic beverage commission at H.B.S.)

To Discuss County Zoning July 14

A conference of community leaders to discuss the question of county zoning and planning will be held Wednesday evening, July 14, at the fairgrounds, Shrine building, at 8 p.m. Persons having an interest in the question are invited to attend.

Harold Gawthrop, chairman of the Kosciusko County Farm Bureau, will serve as chairman for the event and speakers will be Dr. Charles Sargent of the agricultural economics department at Purdue and Don Frantz, County Extension Agent.

The conference will cover zoning laws and procedures, purposes, estimated costs and population trends.

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NFO Makes Plans For County Fair

At a recent meeting held in the social room of the First National Bank of Warsaw Bill Frush was appointed chairman of the National Farmers Organization Booth at the fair on August 2 to 7. Mr. Frush will be in charge of securing a deep freezer to hold the beef, pork and fowls the NFO will be giving away the last night of the fair. The beef and pork will be secured from NFO members.

President John Mallot was in charge of the business meeting. Don Titus, the new treasurer and Bill Frush, the secretary, gave reports on attending the grain meeting at South Bend. Herb Goodman, head of the NFO Grain Department, reports there is a shortage of soft winter wheat and asked that all members hold and store their wheat. NFO will be bargaining for a price on grain.

Jim Beeson, gave a report on the meat meeting he attended at Warsaw. Paul Schumacher gave a few pointed remarks on NFO business.

The NFO marketing arrangement on meat has been a major factor in bringing about unexpected, substantial and dramatic price rises on hogs and cattle. Other factors such as some reduction in supply, investigation by the Food Commission into chain store buying practices and the farmers selling hogs and cattle at lighter weight have also played a part in the price rise.

The following is a quote from NFO National president, Oran Lee Staley: "One of the most difficult jobs in bargaining programs such as NFO's is to be able to prove to members and farmers in general that the increased strength of the NFO has been a major factor in bringing about the spectacular price in hogs and cattle. It is always easy for those opposing our efforts to say something else was responsible. But one factor stands out at this time and that is that all predictions of the price of livestock, for example, would reach \$20 sometime in June. The \$20 figure was reached in April and, of course, has gone much higher."

The next meeting will be held July 26 at the first National Bank at Warsaw. All members are requested to be present for the final Fair plans.

HIBSCHMAN REUNION HELD

The 26th annual Hibschman reunion was held Sunday, July 11, at the Syracuse Scout cabin with the children of Cree Hibschman hosts for the day.

There were 111 relatives present. Leonard Hibschman had charge of the business session. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kitson of Columbia City will be hosts next year.

New Salem News

By MRS. RAY FERVERDA

Everett Toms Entertain Young Folks Class

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Tom, Jr., and sons, Kip and Kevin, entertained the members of the Young Folks class on a picnic excursion Sunday. Pontoon were used for a cruise on beautiful Tippecanoe Lake and into James lake.

The pontoons were tied together during the time for swimming and refreshments of hamburgers and weiners. There was a short program at vespers time.

Those enjoying the picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker and daughter Susie, Carolyn and Nancy Johnson, Karen Plank, Bessie Wolfe, Carolyn Morehouse, Beverly Thompson, Patricia Schermerhorn, Allene Kilmer, Gary Hurd, Blake Baumgartner, Leo Anglin, Jr., and John Stettler. Everett Tom, Jr., is teacher of the class.

Women's Fellowship Has Dinner At Winona Lake

Members of the Women's Fellowship enjoyed dinner at Winona Lake Monday evening. Following dinner they attended the hillside vespers and later attended the program at the tabernacle, entitled "The World's Vision Festival of Missions."

Those attending were Mrs. Ruth DeFries, Mrs. Manda Stackhouse, Mrs. Ellis Wildman, Mrs. Howard Kreider, Mrs. Russell Baker, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. Kathryn Dunsack and Mrs. Ray Ferverda.

ATTEND YOUTH FOR CHRIST MEETING

Rev. Howard Kreider, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Keppen and son Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gandy, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Teeple, Pamela and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Max Shively, Dennis and Douglas, Karen Plank, Allyson Anglin, Carolyn and Nancy Johnson, Patricia Schermerhorn, Allene and Stanley Kilmer, Carolyn Morehouse, Sandra Crowl, Terry and Dennis Dausman, Jay Plank, Blake Baumgartner, and Michael Noel attended the Youth for Christ meeting Wednesday evening at Winona Lake.

The group returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Shively and enjoyed refreshments of weiners, potato chips and watermelon.

COMMUNITY NEWS

"I Believe In Miracles" was the special number of music presented by Mrs. Everett Tom, Jr., soloist, on Sunday forenoon during the hour of worship.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Morehouse of r 1 and Mr. Mrs. Everett Morehouse of South Bend spent the week end in the home of Mrs. Minnie Neff of Gladwin, Mich.

Mrs. Ruth DeFries of r 1 and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller of Milford attended the wedding of Miss Judy Kay Kince and Joseph Glen White on Saturday evening at seven o'clock. The service was held in the Church of God in North Webster. Mrs. DeFries and Mrs. Miller are great-aunts of Joseph Glen White.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Wildman and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wildman and daughters, Cynthia and Lorie, of r Warsaw attended the Eight Square Home Demonstration club picnic on Sunday held at Chapman Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morehouse, Loetta and David, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Deeter at their Irish lake home.

Dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Morehouse and daughters, Diana and Georgine, of r 1 were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Myers and four sons, Miss Lela Durwiddle and Mrs. C. H. Curry and daughter, Marcelle, all of Bluffton.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gandy were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Tom, Jr., and family. Melinda, Melissa, and Melodie, daughters of the Everett Toms, were cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Gandy during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Solomon and daughter of New Castle attended services at New Salem on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Borman and children, Candace and Chris, of Goshen enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday and then attended services in the afternoon at Winona Lake.

INDIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

The Indiana Archaeological Society will meet Sunday, August 1, in the Indiana University Medical School Union building, Indianapolis, from 9 to 3 p.m.

A program at 2 p.m. will be a panel discussion on "How To Know Genuine Indian Relics." Chairmen are Dr. Charles Gish and Dean Maynard K. Hine.

There will be open house for members on Saturday, July 31, 6:30 to 9:30 at the home of Earl Townsend, 5008 N. Meridian street, Indianapolis.

'SHADES OF AUTUMN' THEME OF GARDEN CLUB SHOW

The theme for the second annual flower show presented by the Syracuse-Wawasee garden club, will be "Shades of Autumn."

Regulations, rules, time and classifications will appear in The Mail-Journal soon. The public is invited to participate.

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