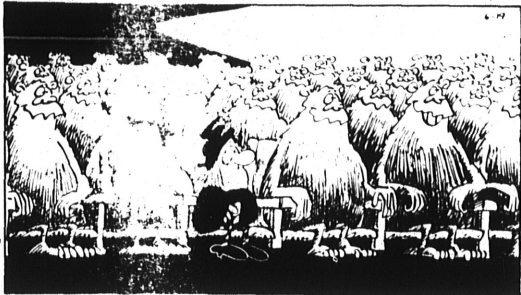


Broomhilda

Girls and Boys State Elect Officials Here



FAIRBANKS — Following a spirited election campaign, Valencia Banks of Kenai and Robert N. Jacobsen of Juneau yesterday were chosen governors of Girls and Boys State, week-long workshops in government being held on the University of Alaska campus here.

The annual event is sponsored by the Alaska Department of the American Legion and its women's auxiliary.

The participating girls and boys, from communities throughout the state, will be high school seniors in the fall, and Girls and Boys State are designed to prepare them for active involvement in student affairs in their final year in school.

In addition to electing governors, the participants yesterday elected lieutenant governors, congressional delegations, and heads of various state departments.

Amanda Palmer of Anchorage was elected lieutenant governor of Girls State, Vikki Lord of Sitka and Lenora Black of Anchorage U.S. senators, and Judy Moore of Kenai the U.S. congressman.

At Boys State, the various candidates urged voters to ignore party lines, and the outcome indicated they took this advice to heart. When the votes were tallied, the offices to be filled were almost evenly divided between the Frontier and Pioneer parties.

Elected lieutenant governor was David Garnick of Juneau, running as a Frontier Party candidate with Jacobsen. Elected U.S. senators from Boys State were Harry Johnson of Anchorage, also a Frontiersman, and Drew Haag of Juneau, a Pioneer. The U.S. congressman, from the Frontier Party, is Robert J. Jernstrom of Fairbanks.

On Saturday, the girls and boys and their counselors will elect two delegates each to Girls and Boys Nation, to be held next month at American University in Washington, D.C.

Girls and Boys State, with a full round of daily activities, got under way last Sunday and ends Saturday. The girls are staying at Nerland Hall and the boys at Skarland Hall.

At the outset, they organized cities and elected municipal officials. Then they established state legislatures and elected speakers of the House and presidents of the Senate and took up consideration of bills and resolutions dealing with a number of significant issues, including pipeline construction, marijuana, the location of the state capital, nuclear testing, aid to education, protection of fishery resources.

Dr. William R. Wood, president of the university, addressed the gatherings; a former legislator discussed legislative procedure; experts spoke on drug abuse; representatives of the U.S. Civil Service Commission and FBI appeared before the bodies; mock trials were scheduled today in downtown courtrooms with Superior Court judges and representatives of the state district attorney's and public defender's offices taking part and the youths acting as jurors.

Newspapers outlining activities and carrying platforms of the various parties, statements by candidates, editorial comment, and letters to the editors are being published daily by the youths.

A dance Saturday evening will bring Girls and Boys State to an end, and delegates will return to their homes Sunday.

