

Cove Creek Seniors Enjoy N. Y. Trip

In a recent campus election at Cove Creek High School, Jerry Welch and Joe Bill Harmon were elected president and vice-president, respectively, of the student body for the coming year.

Jerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Welch, of Barner Elk, has been an outstanding student throughout his high school years. His agricultural work has been noteworthy. He has participated in various FFA contests, including soil judging, tool identification, parliamentary procedure, and livestock judging.

Recently Jerry was a member of the winning team in livestock judging in Asheville. For the past two years he has been honored as the outstanding agricultural student at Cove Creek. He has also been a member of the student council, and his name is always on the distinction list.

Joe Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Harmon, of Sugar Grove, is a member of the rising junior class. He is secretary of his home room. Last year he was reporter of the freshman class.

Joe Bill is regarded as one of the leading members of his class, and his name has always appeared on the distinction list.

New York Trip

On Monday morning, April 20, months of planning and dreaming began to materialize. The senior class of Cove Creek started on a trip that would eventually end in New York City. This trip had never before been undertaken by a senior class of Cove Creek.

With the saying of good-byes and waving of handkerchiefs, we started on the most enjoyable week of our school lives. The first day was taken up mostly by traveling with stops at Natural Bridge and Endless Caverns. We arrived in Washington earlier than had been anticipated. Our extra time was taken up by a boat ride up the Potomac River to an amusement park.

We were awakened the next morning by the soft tap, tap of little "elephant" hands upon our door. By the time we were fully conscious, we were on our way to New York.

One of the biggest thrills of the entire trip came on Tuesday af-

ternoon when most of the group saw the internationally famous Cuban revolutionary leader, Fidel Castro, who had just arrived in New York City.

That night we were at liberty to see a movie or a Broadway play. Because the Piccadilly Hotel, where we were staying, is located only a half block west of Broadway, we could walk to almost any theater with ease.

On Wednesday we took an all day tour of New York City in a glass top bus. Our time was limited, so we didn't take too much time at any one place. Our first stop was the Empire State Building. The view from the 102nd floor was like looking out an airplane on the city, and the way the wind was blowing, it felt as if we were standing on the wing of the airplane. By noon we had worked our way to the end of Manhattan near the Statue of Liberty. There we took a boat to the island and went into the statue—all the way to the top. We ate lunch on the island, and in a matter of minutes we were on Manhattan and off again.

We passed Wall Street, Macy's, The Little Church Around the Corner, the United Nations Building, which we were unable to visit because of Castro's being there. We stopped in Chinatown and walked through, stopping only at a Buddhist Temple. We ended our walk by going through a section of the Bowery.

We also went through the NBC building and St. John's Cathedral. We saw the Colgate-Palmolive building, which was about 30 stories high. Our guide said that they have no elevators in the building, and if you wanted to go up a floor or so, you are put into a tube and squeezed up.

On the waterfront, we were privileged to see the second largest ship in the world, the Queen Mary, and the fastest ship in the world, the United States.

Our tour was closed by a guided tour through Radio City. That night we again went on a tour, but this time it was on foot. New York is a different place at night. One probably could spend a life time just looking at the fabulous lights of Broadway and never get tired.

With the rising of the sun Thursday, we set off to Washington. There we went through the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, where all our paper money is made. There were no samples nor were there any souvenirs. We watched the very impressive changing of guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. The day ended with a trip to Glenecho Park. The way the girls screamed as they rode the roller-coaster, one would think that the world had ended.

Friday we saw the White House, the Capitol building, the Smithsonian Institute, and the zoo, and other points of interest. We also walked to the top of the Washington Monument. That night we saw a baseball game between Washington and Boston. The game was full of thrills. There were three home runs, one each by Jackie Jensen, Vic Wertz of Boston, and Jim Lemon made the homerun for the losers. The final score was Boston 7; Washington 2.

As dawn approached, we were aware that the dreaded day of departure was now upon us. But to look at the eyelids and the nodding heads, it seemed as if no one cared what happened. On the way home, Monticello was the only place of historical value we

Washington Report

Washington, D. C.—Three Southern Senators—one of whom was the 1948 States' Rights candidate for President—last week endorsed the idea of Southern unity to place the South in a better bargaining position at the Democratic National Convention in 1960.

A move is afoot in the South to send to the convention delegates representing 128 electoral votes, forged into a coalition which could bargain with potential candidates for the presidential nomination.

South Carolina's Sen. Strom Thurmond, who led the unsuccessful 1958 revolt against the National Democratic Party, Georgia's Sen. Herman E. Talmadge and Florida's Sen. Spessard Holland all favor, in varying degrees, a move to give the South what Talmadge describes as "defensive strength" at the convention.

Sen. Thurmond said the South would "do well to stand together as a bloc" at the convention. "The only thing these national leaders know is power politics," Thurmond added. "The South has been taken for granted for so many years that it is going to require some united action on the part of the South to get the recognition it deserves."

A big new scandal seems to be developing in the nation's capital. Industrious reporters have dug up the fact that the federal government paid \$18,283,030, over a four-year period, to firms owned by one man—Arch S. Underwood, a wealthy Lubbock, Texas man—to store government-owned cotton surpluses.

Underwood controls eight of the 18 largest firms which store the cotton surpluses. His organizations were paid \$4,354,996 in 1958 alone by the Department of Agriculture, for use of their warehouses.

The baring of this information is bound to have repercussions on Capitol Hill, where the Senate is preparing to act on the 1960 Agricultural Appropriations bill.

The overwhelming vote by which the House passed a liberal, substitute Railroad Retirement bill recently, instead of a committee-approved bill with less expenditures, was seen by some Congressmen as an indication that a strong labor bill will not get

through the House this year.

These sources say the 161 to 91 vote to substitute the costlier railroad retirement bill is indicative of the influence labor has over the House.

As one Congressman put it: "The public will demand that some kind of labor bill be passed. The extremists on one side will demand a much stronger bill than the Kennedy bill, which passed the Senate. The extremists on the other will demand no bill. The result will probably be a very weak labor bill."

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Janesville, Wis.—Kenneth Leeder, 32, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident after his auto smashed into a car owned by his father.

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