

Brevard Teacher Writes On UN Seminar, New York

(Editor's note: The following interesting article was written by Roy Campbell, teacher of one of the eighth grades here at the Brevard elementary school. Mr. Campbell recently returned from New York, where he attended a United Nations seminar.)

Any visit to New York, the colossus of American cities, is certainly worthy of interest. The visit of this writer to the United Nations building and involvement as a member of a 50 member discussion group while there was, however, of special importance to me and to the other individuals concerned.

Recent developments in the internal scene have portrayed a breakdown in general disarmament talks as well as some recent depreciation of American prestige in the power politics field.

It was with this trend in affairs and with the general question of "Modern War — Is There a Way Out?" that our group was concerned.

Interviews with representatives from the U. S., the Indian, Japanese and Russian delegations were especially interesting and informative. To this I must add opportunities and experience of sitting in on debates within the economic and social council and within various committees.

The interested visitors formulate rather quickly an overall view of the workings of this great body, the United Nations. The writer shares with many the somewhat

dismal realization that this "debate organization" is certainly not the ultimate in the way of a cooperative world government. Yet, one senses that within its mechanical structure are statement of principles, there exists some hope (and perhaps some practical advantage) toward better understanding and willingness to compromise great and small issues.

No small effect in our conference was due to the experience of interchange of ideas among students and teachers present. Participants from schools in North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Chicago were among those especially involved. Further, a sprinkling of foreign students from Denmark, Germany, British Guiana, etc., added variety.

There was something significant about the fact that these people should come together in the "melting pot" of America to discuss ideas pointing to peace and understanding among mankind at this beginning of the Christmas season. The circumstances were perhaps incidental. But the meaning and association lay in many of our minds and hearts; as we walked the streets of New York; as I stopped to watch an Italian father playing with his small son in the snow; and to view the busy crowd around the giant Christmas tree that was being erected in front of Radio City hall; and, as the gamut of human differences parade by — race, color, class, creed, mind, emotion — all mingling into a cross section of the community of man.

Dr. Bryant Renamed To Head Transylvania Scout District

Inspiring Address On Working With Youth Delivered By College President

Dr. E. O. Bryant was renamed chairman of the Transylvania district of Boy Scouts in the Daniel Boone council at the annual adult supper meeting, held in Gaither's Rhododendron room last Thursday night.

Elected to the post of vice chairmen were Ted Seely and Rev. Ben Ormand. The new district commissioner is Ralph Palmer.

Dr. Bryant announced that chairmen of the various committees would be named later.

Rev. Emmett K. McLarty, president of Brevard college, made the principal address on the program, and he was introduced by John Anderson, editor of The Transylvania Times.

In his inspiring message, Mr. McLarty said that in these modern days when attention of the world is focused on science, technology and the outer space, it's important

to have groups like the adult scouters, who are stressing the building of character. "There's no greater job on earth," he declared.

He cited the five laws of learning as being: (1) exposure; (2) repetition; (3) understanding; (4) conviction; and, (5) application.

In pointing out that America has "come of age", Mr. McLarty compared the progress made in the last 50 years with an adolescent boy. And during these years, the speaker said, the Scouting program has changed by bettering itself.

Dr. Bryant, during the business session, reported on activities in 1957, and said that Transylvania had made progress. It was explained that the percentage of Scouts in the age group from eight to 16 was 22 percent, while in the Daniel Boone council it was only 10 percent.

Joe Edwards, of Asheville, who heads the council, also attended the meeting and lauded the Scouting program in Transylvania county.

He gave a brief history of the movement, explaining that it was started in 1907 by Sir Robert Baden Powell in England. Boy Scouting in America began in 1910 with a small handful in large cities, and since that time the movement has spread to every county in the United States, totalling 540 councils today. They range in size from one county to half a state.

Walter Whitaker, field executive of Hendersonville, also attended the meeting, and held a brief training session for scoutmasters after the supper.

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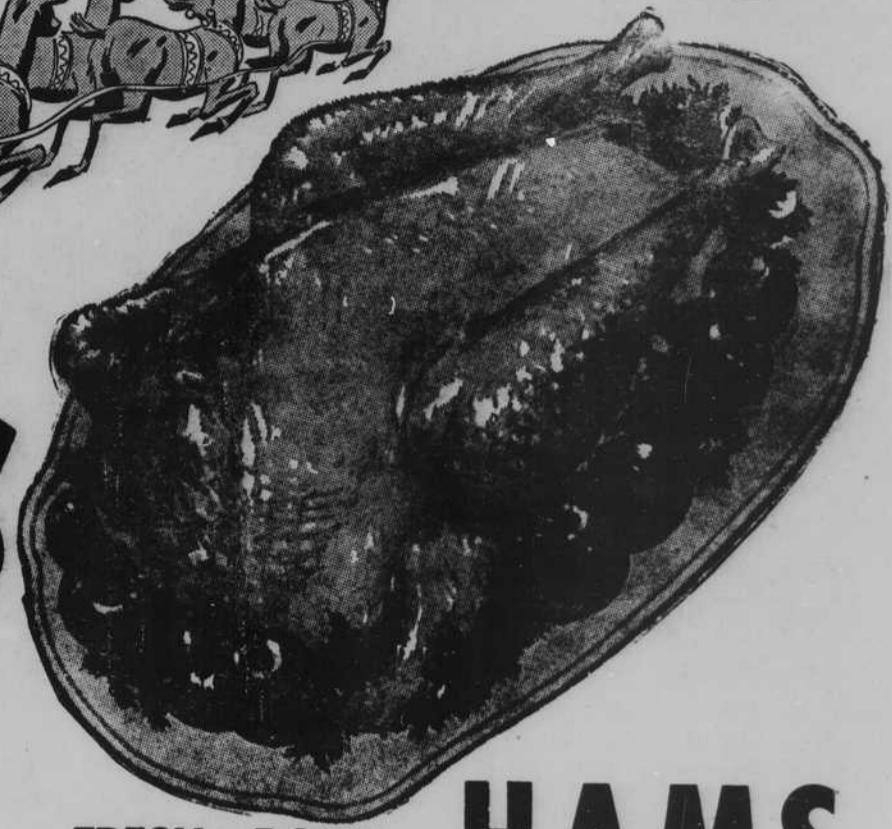


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