

ADULT LEADER FORUM

One of the main methods of providing leader training in 1967 on a state level was through the participation by 79 volunteer 4-H leaders of North Carolina in the National 4-H Adult Leader Forum. The 79 leaders represented 78 different counties at the training conference conducted at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D. C., March 13-18. Four-H Specialist, Cleo Jones, accompanied the leaders and served as group organizer.

Each leader or his county submitted \$20 as partial payment of the week's expenses. The remainder of the cost for the week was contributed by several donors as follows:

Sandhills Area Development Association	\$ 240.00
N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company.	50.00
Central Carolina Farmers Exchange.	120.00
North Carolina Production Credit Association . .	750.00
Tarheel Electric Membership Association.	720.00
North Carolina 4-H Development Fund.	720.00
North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.	360.00
4-H Club Foundation of North Carolina, Inc.. . .	250.00
Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club	120.00
Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation . . .	240.00

The 1967 Leader Forum placed special emphasis on working with Junior Leaders at the request of our state. The 4-H Leader Forum is designed to help leaders become more effective in working with young people in 4-H. Specifically, the objectives for the week were to:

- Gain greater understanding of teenagers and their personal development.
- Learn about some new things being done by teenage leaders.
- Increase skills in helping 4-H'ers develop leadership.
- Increase skills in helping other adults work with junior leaders.
- Gain inspiration to build on our democratic heritage.

A total of 116 leaders from Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Virginia attended the conference. North Carolina leaders were responsible for the opening program of the first session on Monday night. Additional responsibilities which the leaders had an opportunity to have during the week included serving on committees which included Table Topics, the Friday Evening Party and Listening for Learning.

The Assembly Programs, "We Grow in Leadership," "New Trends in Youth Leadership," "Conversationally Speaking," "Helping Other Adults Work with Junior Leaders" set the stage for the workshops which were the climax of the week's program. The workshops were "Understanding Older Youth," "Helping Junior Leaders Develop Programs," "Training Teens to Work with Younger Members," "Effective Use of Resources," "Youth

Leadership Among Disadvantaged," and "Working with Junior Leaders on International Programs."

In addition to the programs provided at the Center, the group had an opportunity during the week to make tours to the major shrines in Washington, such as Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknowns, Kennedy's grave, Washington Cathedral. The group also visited the Smithsonian Institute, the White House, Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, etc. North Carolina leaders contacted their congressmen prior to leaving home and made arrangements to visit the ones from their district. This proved to be a very educational experience.