

INTERNATIONAL FARM YOUTH EXCHANGE AND TEEN-AGE CARAVAN

During 1967 five former 4-H Club members made application for the International Farm Youth Exchange for the summer of 1967. Three of the applications were approved and sent to Washington for their approval and assignment. Those making application during 1967 were as follows: John Capps, Lenoir County; Helen Harrington, Harnett County; Eula Battle, Nash County; Mary Beth Hurdle, Perquimans County; Jane Bates, Mecklenburg County. The three applicants submitted to Washington were all accepted. John Capps was selected as an IFYE to Spain, Helen Harrington was selected for Nepal, Eula Battle was selected for Norway.

On March 2, 1967, an orientation meeting was held for the purpose of preparing the three selected IFYE's for their summer experiences in the countries listed above. The orientation meeting was held at North Carolina State University and included Extension staff members along with some of the IFYE alumni. Dr. Landis Bennett provided instructions on the use of cameras and films. Mr. Frank Doggett, Extension Soil Conservationist and a former participant in the Mission to Peru, provided information on being a good ambassador in foreign countries. Mr. Jimmy Tart, Extension Assistant Editor from the Department of Information, provided assistance to the IFYE's on making reports. Miss Jane Lee, Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent and a former IFYE to India, counseled with Helen Harrington concerning her trip to Nepal. Miss Anne St. Petery, a former IFYE to Norway, counseled with Eula Battle concerning her visit to that country. Mr. Vernon Ballard, a former IFYE to Venezuela, worked with John Capps concerning his visit to Spain. It is felt that this orientation meeting provides a helpful learning experience for our out-bound IFYE's.

During the summer of 1967, North Carolina was fortunate to receive five in-bound IFYE's as follows: Mr. Mohan Acharya from Nepal, who visited Harnett, Gaston, and Buncombe counties; Mr. Francisco Castro from Spain, who visited and lived with families in Montgomery and Macon counties; Mr. Asbjorn Ringen from Norway, who visited families in Tyrrell and Catawba counties; Miss Magdalena Aquilar from Ecuador, who visited families in Durham and Yadkin counties; Mr. Chand Jain from India, who visited families in Davidson and Northampton counties.

Before each of these IFYE's arrived, visits were made to the counties and a host family orientation conference was held for the purpose of acquainting the families with the IFYE program and clearing up any questions or concerns regarding the visit. The host families were given the opportunity to ask questions, and the program was explained in order that they might be better qualified to help the individuals visiting in their homes and to help fulfill the objectives of the exchange program.

North Carolina participated in the Professional Rural Youth Leaders Exchange Program during the fall of 1967. Miss Abigail Rondon of Peru spent about three months in North Carolina and visited the following counties: Stokes, Wilkes, Jackson, and Alamance. During her visit to these counties, she lived with host families for about two weeks and then spent about one week traveling with and observing the work of our Extension Home Economics Agents.

During the summer of 1967, North Carolina had the opportunity of sending one adult 4-H Club leader and four 4-H Club members to visit Canada under the 4-H Teen Caravan Program. The adult leader was Mrs. Doris Nixon from Perquimans County, and the club members were Curtis Booker from Durham County, Maureen Nixon from Perquimans County, Belinda Hartman from Davidson County, and Sarah Mercer from Wayne County.

The club members and leader were guests of the Canadian Government during their 14-day trip to Canada. They had the opportunity of visiting Expo '67 for three days. Also included in the tour were visits to historical places of interest in Montreal and approximately four days living with 4-H Club members and their families in Canada.