

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CONGRESS

"Pursuit of Excellence" was the theme of the 46th National 4-H Club Congress held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, November 26-30. The opening pageant, a tribute to excellence, set the stage for the excellent education, inspiration and recognition which delegates participated in throughout the week. Although these young people have achieved excellence in a real sense, their goals are for a greater excellence and are typified in the words, "The higher we climb, the higher grow the peaks, the more we grow--so grows our world." The 1967 delegation of forty 4-H'ers, the largest Tarheel group ever to attend won seven national awards and four sectional prizes.

The National winners who received a \$500 scholarship were: Sam Hall, Jr., Iredell County, Health; Kay Sloop, Iredell County, Health; Mike Carpenter, Haywood County, Horticultural; Judy Searcy, McDowell County, Dairy Foods; Phil Dail, Edgecombe County, Swine; Cathy Locklear, Robeson County, Food Preservation; Curtis Booker, Durham County, Achievement.

Sectional winners who received expense-paid trips to Congress were: Judy Searcy, McDowell County, Dairy Foods; Snookie Jones, Craven County, Forestry; Callie Lutz, Catawba County, Dairy; and Sam Hall, Jr., Iredell County, Health.

The purpose of this magnificent occasion was well-accomplished as many opportunities were provided that offered new and stimulating experiences for 4-H members including:

Education as they . . .

- Served as discussion leaders, presiding officers, or participants in many events.
- Heard inspiring speeches and panel presentations.
- Discussed and analyzed important issues affecting citizens of the United States and their roles in world affairs.
- Developed a broader understanding of the interdependence of business, industry, science, agriculture and education.
- Explored career opportunities.
- Visited the Museum of Sciences and Industry, Field Museum of National History, Art Institute, International Livestock and Dairy Exposition and other points of interest in Chicago.
- Enjoyed new cultural experiences in music and other arts.
- Traveled to and from Chicago.
- Stayed at the world's largest hotel.
- Dined at meal functions attended by more than 2,000 people.

Inspiration as they . . .

- Worshiped together.
- Shared experiences with 1,600 boys and girls from other localities.
- Associated with men and women of distinction in industry, agriculture, education and communications, including State and Federal Extension leaders and top corporation officials who help to encourage 4-H members in their work.

- Got acquainted with 4-H members from Canada and international representatives from other countries.
- Met famous personalities who entertained them through the week.

Recognition by . . .

- Donors and other friends of 4-H.
- Press, radio, TV representatives who interviewed them for newspapers, magazines and broadcasts embracing national and world-wide coverage
- The Cooperative Extension Service and the National 4-H Service Committee.
- Fellow 4-H'ers.
- Chicago citizens.