

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CONGRESS

The opportunity known as, "Time of Our Lives" was experienced by North Carolina's 36 state champions when they attended the 44th National 4-H Club Congress held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago November 27 to December 2.

Exciting new experiences were provided throughout the week beginning with the super electro plane ride from Raleigh to Chicago, living in the world's largest hotel, shopping in Chicago at Marshall Fields, attending assemblies in the world largest International Ballroom, thrilling to a concert by Chicago Symphony Orchestra directed by Author Fiedler, dancing in the world famous Aragon Ballroom, viewing livestock at the famous International Live Stock Exposition, being guests for the National Horse Show, seeing exhibits at Museum of Science and Industry and the Museum of Natural History, watching Miss America perform on stage, hearing performances by nationally proclaimed entertainers as Purdue Glee Club, the Harmonicettes, Browning Family and Lou Breeze and his orchestra.

The program theme, Young America and World Affairs, was emphasized by the noted speakers as George L. Mehren, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., Dr. David H. C. Read, Pastor, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York and Vice-President, Hubert Humphrey. Club members were motivated and challenged to increase their knowledge of world affairs and to be prepared to assume responsibilities as young Americans.

North Carolina was quite proud of its four national winners: Mary Frances Williams - Gardening, Jenny Lynn Boger - Dairy Foods, Jerry West - Automotive, Larry Hancock - Achievement. These outstanding young people were spot-lighted at the annual banquet on the following night of Club Congress. They were also interviewed by the press including outstanding magazine and newspaper reporters. They received recognition by being invited to fill honor spots on various programs. Jenny Lynn Boger gave the Invocation at the Dairy Foods dinner. Jerry West presented the Invocation honoring state Automotive winners. Mary Helen Williams presented the response to the donors at the Garden winners' dinner. Larry Hancock was selected to assist with the Sunday afternoon tea. Libby Cooke represented North Carolina delegates by being seated at the head table at the annual banquet, and Steve Broughton presented his state winning Electric Demonstration on colored television for the Chicago station. Many of the North Carolina delegates were featured on radio and television programs which were presented throughout the state following the Club Congress. Twelve North Carolina state champions' trips were sponsored by a North Carolina donor. While in Chicago, they were honored at a special dinner provided by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The other 24 delegates were royally entertained by their national donors at special buffet suppers and dinners.