

ADULT LEADER TRAINING

Adult Leader Forum

The main emphasis for leader training in 1966 on a state level was through participation by 78 leaders from North Carolina in the National 4-H Adult Leaders Forum. Each of the 78 leaders represented a different county at the training conference conducted at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D. C. March 14-19. Mary Sue Moser, 4-H Specialist, accompanied the leaders and served as group organizer.

Several donors contributed funds in varying amounts toward sponsorship of the Leaders Forum. Each leader, or his county, submitted \$20.00 as part payment of the week's expenses. The following donors contributed:

N. C. Production Credit Association	\$600.00
Tarheel Electric Membership Corporation	720.00
N. C. 4-H Development Fund	720.00
Northern Piedmont Area Development Association	420.00
N. C. Farm Bureau Federation	120.00
4-H Club Foundation of N. C. Inc.	250.00
Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club	240.00

The purpose of the Leaders Forum was to:

1. Gain a broader understanding of young people as they develop into responsible citizens.
2. Gain inspiration and deepen leaders commitment to work with young people.
3. Increase leaders' skill to work with young people.
4. Share ideas with leaders from other states.

One hundred and forty seven leaders attended the conference from New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and North Carolina. Our state was honored by being asked to be responsible for the opening program on Monday, March 14th. Responsibilities included: presiding over the session, presentation of Thought for the Day, leading the singing, and directing of the get acquainted mixer. Three different leaders served on the committees of table topics, Friday evening party and final ceremony.

North Carolina leaders were provided an opportunity to visit with the congressman from their own district. The congressmen were most gracious and generous with their time.

Highlights of the week's program consisted of workshops on "Citizenship Education Through 4-H," tours to the major shrines in Washington, lectures by noted individuals, visit to the Department of State for session on "American Foreign Policy Abroad," special visits to the Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of Unknown Soldier, Kennedy's Grave, Washington Cathedral and Wax Museum and planned fun and fellowship.

Leaders from North Carolina came home filled with inspiration and ideas for becoming a more effective leader of youth. They gained a broader vision and scope of 4-H Club work. One leader said, "I think I'm going home and drop everything I'm doing and just work for 4-H." Another said, "It's been wonderful to see and learn that we can have a voice in our government. I didn't know that anything I said was worth saying or that anyone would listen." This statement was made after the visit with the congressmen. They gained a much broader insight regarding the workings of Congress and our representatives here.

Adult Leader Training in North Carolina

Several training schools have been conducted by the district 4-H specialists in the areas of:

1. 4-H record keeping
2. The techniques of training boys and girls to give 4-H demonstrations
3. Long-time record keeping
4. Community 4-H concept
5. Fair exhibits