

INTERNATIONAL FARM YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND
4-H MEMBER EXCHANGE - 1966

Four applications were received for out-bound IFYE's during 1966. Two of these applications were approved and sent to the Washington office. Jane Warren of Sampson County was approved in Washington and assigned to the Philippines. Richard Bowen of Columbus County, was approved for Korea. Richard did not accept the IFYE assignment to Korea because of difficulties he might encounter with the local draft board. The local board was not willing to give Richard time from his school work to make this trip.

Jane Warren spent the summer and fall in the Philippines and represented this state and nation in a very fine way. Since returning to the states, Jane has had many opportunities to meet before civic, Extension and other groups giving talks on her experiences as an IFYE in the Philippines.

Kathy Bowles of Stokes County, was selected as a 4-H member exchangee to Spain. This is a program similar to IFYE, except that it accepts younger active 4-H Club members who go along with chaperones and who bear the total cost of the trip. Kathy Bowles was the first 4-H Member Exchange delegate from North Carolina. Kathy spent six weeks in Spain and about ten days touring some of the other countries of Europe. Since returning to the states, Kathy has made many talks before civic and other groups concerning her experiences as a 4-H member exchange delegate.

An orientation meeting was held for the purpose of acquainting Jane Warren and Kathy Bowles with some of the opportunities and problems they might encounter as exchange delegates. This orientation meeting was held at North Carolina State University and included help from the IFYE Alumni. Dr. Landis Bennet gave instructions on the use of cameras and film and Mr. Bobby Matthews, a member of the Sociology Department, was helpful in helping the young people understand the anthropology of the countries they were to visit. The Subject-Matter Specialist provided slides and others materials which were used by the delegates as they visited in the Philippines and in Spain.

Both Kathy and Jane wrote periodic letters giving reports of their experiences in Spain and in the Philippines. These letters were mimeographed and sent to the counties for distribution for newspapers, schools, clubs, radio stations, television stations, and interested individuals.

During 1966, two in-bound IFYE's were received. The first was Miss Miriam Guttman from Israel and the second was Mr. Risto Pesu from Finland. Miriam Guttman had the opportunity of living and working with families in Wake, Rowan and Person Counties while Risto Pesu visited families in Lenoir and Wilkes Counties. Both of these young people had the opportunity of visiting a 4-H Camp.

Prior to the visits to the families by the in-bound IFYE's, a family orientation meeting was held in each of the counties with the host families. 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 program have the fullest meaning to the visitors from Israel and Finland.