

## NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CONGRESS

"Pursuit of Excellence," the theme of the 45th National 4-H Club Congress, was vividly portrayed and quite obviously the objective of the thirty-nine North Carolina delegates as they seized every opportunity to expand their basic goals of excellence while at National Congress. The 1966 delegation, the largest Tarheel group ever to attend, won eight National awards, and three sectional prizes at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Seven members won educational scholarships valued at \$500 each, and one member won a \$1,000 scholarship.

Sheila Blanton, Jackson County, won the \$1,000 grant for her achievements in the Safety program.

Other winners were Linda Rumbley, Alamance, Bread and Cereal; Kenneth Clapp, Guilford, Health; Jack Nesbitt, Henderson, Agriculture; Mary Lois Cooke, Iredell, Horticultural; Gail King, Johnston, Food Preservation; Steve Szczerbiak, New Hanover, Tractor; and Ray Ritchie, Wake, Electric.

Sectional winners who received trips to Chicago were Phoebe Lee, Anson, Dairy Foods; Ralph Renegar, Iredell, Forestry; and Bob Chandler, Pitt, Photography.

North Carolina delegates occupied several important program positions, including that of presiding officer at the opening session by John Pat McDowell, Edgecombe County.

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 Science 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...

- Worshipped together.
- Shared experiences with 1,600 boys and girls from other localities.
- Associated with men and woman 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.