

# Four-County 4-H Exchange Program Slated

A cooperative exchange program co-sponsored by the Pioneers Youth Council, Agricultural Extension (4-H), and church groups in Watauga, Yancey, Avery, and Mitchell Counties is slated for June 11, 1970.

This will be the first of its

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kind to be undertaken in the four counties according to Jack Ollis, Youth program coordinator. "This program will consist of a two-way exchange between forty youths in the four counties and forty youths in the four counties of Dunn, Barron, Polk, and Rusk in Wisconsin. The youths will spend six days in a family in Wisconsin with a young person of the same age and sex in the family. The trip will consist of ten days total. Two days going and two days coming will be needed."

The young people and their chaperones will be spending one night in Lafayette, Indiana, on their way up and back. "This trip is designed to give youths

in this rural mountainous area a chance to get acquainted with young people and families in a rural farming area of another state", said Archie Pierce.

## 'Miss Mayland' Competition

Young ladies from Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties will compete for the title of Miss Mayland. The Pageant, which will be held on July 30th and 31st in Spruce Pine, is a coordinated sponsorship of the Yancey, Avery and Mitchell County Jaycees.

Contestants will include 5 girls from each county to be judged in three categories: Ta-

The youths in Wisconsin are 4-Hers and come primarily from families living on the dairy farms. Dairy farming and small agricultural businesses make up the bulk of the

lent, Swimsuit and Evening Gown. Scholarships totalling \$600.00 will be awarded to Miss Mayland, 1st and 2nd Runners up and Miss Congeniality.

Miss Mayland will represent the three counties in the 1971 Miss North Carolina Pageant. Girls interested in entering the Pageant should contact any member of the Jaycee organization.

income for these counties of Wisconsin. Marie Jensen, a Vista Volunteer from Wisconsin, feels, "the opportunity to share problems and experiences with youths in another area may stimulate youths in this area to work in different ways to solve the problems they find facing them daily."

The only cost incurred by each person is an initial \$10 for use toward room and meals to and from Wisconsin and spending money (approx. \$10) while there. The remainder of the money needed has been raised by contributions from the following organizations:

4-H Clubs in all four counties, The Pioneers Youth Council in all four counties, Mabel Methodist Church in Mabel Community, Brush Fork Baptist Church in Vilas, Newland Women's Club, the Agricultural Workers Council in Avery County, the Presbyterian Church in Bakersville, United Methodist Church of Spruce Pine, the Presbyterian Church in Burnsville, Bald Creek Baptist Church in Yancey, the Youth Council in Burnsville, the Jaycees in Burnsville, the Plum Tree Presbyterian Church in Avery County, Linville Falls Community Church in Avery.

The second half of the exchange trip will take place in July when forty youths from the families visited in Wisconsin will spend six days (July 10-17) in families here in the four counties. In most cases the youths from Wisconsin will stay in the family of the young person who visited them. In situations where families are crowded or other situations exist, an alternate host family will be secured.

At present, there is one position unfilled. If you are between the ages of 14 and 19 and would be interested in this trip, contact any of the above groups and they will give you the necessary person to contact for this position.

## On Athletics Committee

A Burnsville youth has been named to one of the major committees at Mars Hill College for the 1970-71 academic year.

He is Dean Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hicks of Route 2, Burnsville. A rising senior majoring in physical education, he will serve on the Athletics Committee, a committee which develops guidelines for the intercollegiate sports program at the 114-year-old Baptist school.

Appointment of students to what had traditionally been faculty committees is a recent innovation by the faculty. The move is designed to encourage greater student participation in the governance of the college.

Final selection was by vote of the Student Government Association.

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