

National 4-H Club Congress Meets In Chicago; Eight Tar Heels Attend

On the weekend after Thanksgiving, more than 1,350 4-H boys and girls arrived in Chicago for one of the most important events on the 4-H calendar — the National 4-H Club Congress at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, November 26-30.

"Of this number around 34 were from North Carolina," reports L. R. Harrill, state 4-H leader. "These delegates are state, regional and national winners in 4-H projects and activities. And this proved to be not only the busiest but the most exciting week of their life."

Many of them felt like kings and queens as they were entertained by more than 55 business firms, foundations, associations and individuals who provided funds for awards, meal functions and entertainment.

Staying at the world's largest hotel, they dined at meal functions attended by nearly 2,000 people. The boys and girls served as discussion leaders, presiding officers or participants at many events. They heard inspiring speeches and panel presentations. They enjoyed new cultural experiences in music and other arts.

On Saturday night everyone attended an evening "Get-Acquainted Party" at the new Edgewater Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Sunday, the delegates were guests of Central Church of Chicago in the Grand Ballroom. During the official opening of the Congress, the Wisconsin 4-H band and chorus performed.



WRAPPED UP—Gary Kinney plays at his high school football games in Williamsport, Pa., despite a broken arm. The enthusiastic 15-year-old broke his arm playing sandlot football with chums.

Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York.

Monday's leader program included a message from Dr. E. T. York, administrator of the Federal Extension Service, and some special direction in leadership development by Dr. Warren E. Schmidt, director of conferences and community services, University of California.

For the seventh consecutive year, Dr. Arthur Fiedler conducted the Chicago Symphony Orchestra during the "Pop Concert" at Orchestra Hall.

"Crystal Ball Fashions" was the theme of the 15th Dress Revue Tuesday afternoon. Rain, snow, or shine, the stars twinkled brightly on 4-H'ers at the John B. Clark Friendship Party at the Aragon Ballroom on Tuesday night. The party honored the national clothing winners.

Wednesday afternoon the 4-H'ers visited the International Livestock Exposition and were guests of Wilson & Company at a box supper. They remained there to enjoy the horse show and rodeo. Chicago's outstanding Museum of

Science and Industry was visited by the delegates on Thursday morning. The annual banquet will highlight and recognize the scholarship winners of the award program on Thursday evening.

Each 4-H delegate attending Congress attained a high degree of proficiency in a particular phase of 4-H work. Attendance at Congress is an earned privilege and is a reward for the pursuit and achievement of excellence. Every activity during the week was planned to provide a significant educational experience. Emphasis on

leadership was particularly stressed during Congress this year.

North Carolina winners attending Congress are: Recreation, Dorothy Hostettler, Iredell County; Safety, Anne Hostettler, Iredell County; Tractor, Paul Lancaster, Jr., Warren County; Girls Achievement, Lucille Mayes, Iredell County; Boys Achievement, Gene McGaha, Haywood County; Dairy Foods Demonstration, Ann Roberts, Buncombe County; Health, Arlita Lowery, Robeson County; Canning, Lynn Abbott, Vance County.

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