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SEMI-MONTHLY REPORT  
OF THE  
HOMEMAKERS OF DURHAM COUNTY

Our gardens are looking much better, and for the past few days the Homemakers have been busy giving canning demonstrations and assisting families with their canning and preserving. A majority of the gardens will be late and until there vegetables to be canned, the women are making much needed garments of sacks and useful articles for their homes.

During the past two weeks we have canned 105 qts. of string beans, 25 qts. of squash, 12 qts. of beets, 14 qts. of dewberries and 70 qts. of blackberries. We preserved 88 qts. of strawberries, 51 qts. of blackberries, 2 qts. of plums and made 18 qts. of blackberry jelly, 5 plum jelly, 25 qts. of blackberry jam, and 7 qts. of blackberry jelly.

We are greatly in need of jars, tops and rubbers, and most of our families have no money with which to buy any.

During the pay-period we have visited 541 homes; given 76 demonstrations with 596 attending the demonstrations. Two of the demonstrations were given at the Y.W.C.A. when we demonstrated making chairs of barrels. Eighty hours work were donated by the Homemakers. We have made 14 chairs of barrels, 3 chairs of scrap lumber, 18 sewing screens, 40 dresses for women, 1 ladies suit, 11 dresses for children, 20 slips, 31 sun suits, 2 hats, 11 luncheon sets and 2 baby dresses. We also made 2 baby shirts, 7 smocks, 2 gowns, 26 pillow cases, 6 footstools, 2 sheets and 2 suits for boys. We made 3 towels, 4 bonnets, 8 aprons, 5 rugs, 2 prs. of shorts, one tablecloth, 18 napkins, 2 wall pockets, 2 handkerchief holders, 2 prs. of pajamas, 4 quilts and 8 dolls. Most of these articles were made of sacks.

We put bottoms in 28 chairs; demonstrated making shoe racks, crocheting luncheon sets and collars. Eighteen patterns and 4 dresses were cut; 3 pots of soap were made, 89 sacks bleached, and sack material dyed for dresses and curtains. One large chair was re-covered.

The Homemakers carried food orders to several destitute families. Eight dollars for food and an order for 14 qts. of milk was given one Homemaker.

We have a club composed of 18 or 20 young girls and they are very much interested in sewing. The past week they made several sun suits and hats and sold them and used the money to buy food for shut-ins.

On the afternoon of June the 15th Miss Willie N. Hunter, Specialist in Clothing, met with the Homemakers and gave them an excellent demonstration, - Fitting the Brassiere.

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