

SEMI-MONTHLY REPORT OF THE HOMEMAKERS OF DURHAM COUNTY

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The Homemakers are very much discouraged about their gardens as nearly everything that has been planted has dried up on account of lack of rain. At least one-third of our families have not planted gardens as they know the seed will not come up as the ground is so dry. We have not yet received the money the county commissioners promised us for seed but we have been able to get five boxes of ERA seed and these have been distributed where they were most needed.

During the past two weeks we have canned twenty quarts of strawberries, made seventy-four quarts of strawberry preserves, six pints of strawberry jam and five quarts of cherry preserves.

The Homemakers now have 651 families and during the past pay-period the Homemakers have made 628 home visits. Sixty-two demonstrations were given and four-hundred and seventy-one attended these demonstrations. Two-hundred and twenty-nine articles have been made. Included in this number were: thirty-four dresses, made of sacks, seven aprons, twelve rugs, two pair pajamas, seventeen sewing screens, twenty-four chairs made of barrels, nine sun suits, four pairs of rompers and six pairs of pillow cases. Bottoms were put in ten chairs, sweater and socks knitted, baby layette made, four pairs of shorts and two shirts and three slips made. Fifteen patterns were cut and carried to families, eight chairs painted, two foot-stools made and a bed spread made of dyed sacks.

Demonstrations were given in refinishing floors, one mattress and several food orders were secured for families; and arrangements were made for two persons to go to clinics.

Three Homemakers attended the last meeting of the Orange Factory Club as one Homemaker could not possibly demonstrate the making of the many things the members wanted. Thirty members attended the meeting and several barrel chairs, screens and dresses were made. They now have a sewing machine at their club house and can get much more work done for before they had to go to some ones home to stitch what they were making.

During the two weeks Supervisor and the three county workers have driven fourteen hundred and twenty-three miles.

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Supervisor of Homemakers