

considered national investments, with returns to be noted in every community of the country wherever persons trained under government supervision may go. If they had been allowed to go untrained they would continue as subjects for relief in some part of the States or nation but under the plan as established they become assets to themselves and the State.

"Accomplishments in this branch of service show what can be done in a movement of this kind, Mrs. Bell said. Samples of the work completed have been collected and sent to authorities at Washington as a practical demonstration of the results described here some months ago as a possibility under proper supervision."

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A long, illustrated feature story in the Pittsburgh Courier under the 8-col. head, "Texas WPA Home Economics Classes Praised," describes a similar project in the far South. In part, the article runs:

"HOUSTON? Texas--More than 1,000 colored women in the Houston Works Progress Administration District have been taught how to make slim budgets last longer through the teachings of WPA home economics instructors...

"Balances between wage earning and wage spending in frugal homes are being established, WPA workers report. In the minds of homemakers is being created an interest in the planning of expenditures.

"Seeking to restore confidence in depression-wracked women, instructors have set up community centers where groups discuss home problems and where women have the companionship formerly denied many of them by economic stress...

"Aiming at general rehabilitation of the people affected by the Home Economics project, instructors lead classes in the preparation of foods, general home management, and planning of clothing. Of particular value to many families, report WPA instructors, has been the teaching of how to utilize many household articles which would otherwise have been thrown away and wasted.

"Housewives in one community have encouraged servants to attend the classes, which are given primarily for unemployed women and for underprivileged housewives."

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The Journal and Guide carries a special dispatch from Tarboro, N. C., telling of the opening of the first WPA-operated library for Negroes in North Carolina, and appealing for contributions of books to fill the shelves. The article reads in part:

"The first project of its kind in this state, a WPA-operated library was opened here recently for Negro citizens. The city previously had made no provision for colored book-lovers.