



**ASSEMBLY-LINE STYLE** — These four Lenoir Cottage boys at the Kennedy Home campus in Kinston have set up their own little "factory" in their cottage and are producing handmade placemats and pot holders. The boys earned enough money this past year to finance a trip to Carowinds for the whole cottage.

## Boys Take Up Looms To Earn Trip Money

KINSTON, N.C. — When the boys in Lenoir Cottage at the Kennedy Home campus of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina want to take a little vacation, they pick up their knitting needles!

Well, almost. Actually the boys reach for looms, balls of yarn and scissors. For the last year, a dozen boys in the cottage, houseparents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beacham and their daughter, Denise, have handmade, packaged and sold sets of potholders and placemats. Prices at \$2 per set for three items, the projects grossed almost \$300 recently, and the money was used for a weekend jaunt to Carowinds.

The idea started last year when Mrs. Beacham bought a pair of octagonal wooden looms from a former Kennedy Home houseparent because she thought the boys would like the activity. But it was not until one boy and her husband started working with the frames that the enterprise was launched. After only a few hours work, \$20 in merchandise had already been sold!

The boys took orders at school and then dashed home to work on the sets. The first day one boy took 12 orders and the Beacham's daughter had made 18 sales. Many school friends were buying them for presents. A Kinston beautician sold about 30 orders when she heard about the project, and Beacham's mother took quite a few orders in Rocky Mount where the family resided before becoming houseparents. The youth made their own deliveries at school, and the Beachams delivered "in town" orders.

"It became an every night thing," Betty Beacham explained. "We had so many orders, we couldn't find enough yarn for them. Bill and I would go shopping in the mornings for yarn and

roll it in balls ready for the boys to start working with at night.

"The boys started as soon as they got home from school before going to work at 4 p.m.," she said. "Then when they got in at night, we all crowded into our den and sat around watching television and working." There was lots of talk, always snacks and the project made the cottage grow closer together, the housemother feels.

"You should have seen them take their looms to the barber shop," Mrs. Beacham chuckled. "Oh, and the barber bought a set of placemats too."

One boy would wrap yarn around the loom and the give it to another to tie in an assembly line fashion. Bill was the business manager and kept up with the orders and Mrs. Beacham kept up with the money. The group cleared \$230 and sold about 150 sets altogether.

Yarn was bought in Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Greenville and Wilson. There were so many orders the boys finally wrote the yarn company to set up a business account. Since the Beachams bought the yarn while the boys were in school, sometimes they made as many as three trips a week to buy yarn.

Everybody in the cottage enjoyed spending the fruits of their labors. The group stayed at Myers Park Baptist Church the night before going to Carowinds.

### HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Walter Edwards, Jr., student at Central University in Durham, will spend the Holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Sr.

### VA. GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilbur Forbes of Raleigh were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilcox on Saturday.

### RALEIGH GUEST

Mrs. Shelton White of Raleigh was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar White.

### WEEKEND AT WILLIAMSBURG

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodard and daughter spent the weekend at Williamsburg, Va.

### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Vickie Paul has returned home after being a patient in the Albemarle Hospital.

### S.C. GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Dozier, Jr. and family of Bennettsville, S.C. will spend the Christmas Holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Dozier, Sr.

### VISITS IN PLYMOUTH

Mrs. Addie Keegan was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Doward Jones in Plymouth on Monday.



**CAN DO!** — Members of the Tec Club at College of The Albemarle's Technical and Vocational Center load a pickup truck with aluminum cans which they recently gathered along area roadsides. The group collected nearly 40 pounds of cans for recycling during one outing. Proceeds from the sale of the scrap aluminum will be used to fund club activities at COA. Carol Partin of Hertford assists the young men who from left are Laverne Morgan, Tommy Wood, Roger Ferrell, George Perkins and Jerry Wesner. (COA Photo)

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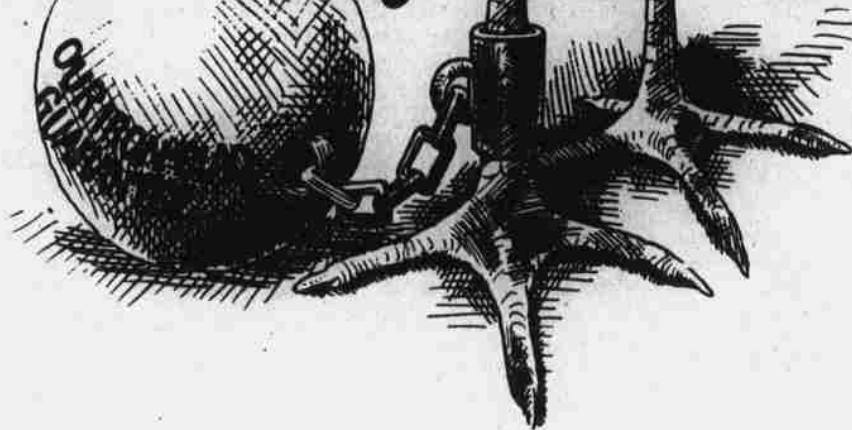
Other recipients were: College of the Albemarle, Davidson College, Duke University, East Carolina University, Elon College, High Point College, Lees McRae College, Mars Hill College, Queens College, North Carolina State University, Wake Forest University and Western Carolina University.

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