

New School of Mothering For High School Girls

Course in Scientific Infant Care and Upbringing Included in Curriculum of New York School. Real Babies in Classroom.



Many young mothers, on hearing of the new school in New York for the purpose of giving high school girls instruction in the art of mothering babies, will sigh dolefully and wish that something of the kind had been introduced in their school days.

Cost Of Living 10 Percent Down For Last Year

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Washington, Jan. 25.—Living last year was cheaper by nearly 10 per cent. for the country as a whole, than it was in 1930.

Every item in the cost of living tumbled down, even rents which are the slowest of all fixed costs to yield to the presence of declining prices.

This was announced today by the bureau of labor statistics, based on a study of 32 representative cities, North, South, East and West.

For all the drop, however, it still cost nearly 46 per cent more to live in 1931 than it did in 1913.

The actual figure for the year's average decline was 9.3 per cent, with an index figure of 145.8 for December, 1931, against 160.7 for December, 1930, and 100 for 1913.

Slows In Last Half. The survey, split into six month periods showed that during the last half of the year the decline in prices slowed somewhat as compared with the first half, that foodstuffs dropped 3.4 per cent; clothing 7.2; rents 4.1; house furnishings goods 5.8, and miscellaneous items 0.6.

Light and fuel costs were up 1.6 per cent due to seasonal influences.

During the first six months of the year foodstuffs dropped 18.9 per cent; clothing 7; rent 4.5; fuel and light 9.6; house furnishings 11.3, and miscellaneous items 1.1 for an average of 10.4 per cent decline for all items. The foodstuffs decline for the entire year was 16.2-3 per cent.

The study covers nineteen cities back to December, 1914, and thirteen to December, 1917. In all except Jacksonville, Fla., and Portland, Oregon, house rent showed increases over the earliest years ranging from 1.5 per cent over 1917 in Birmingham, Ala., to 56.5 over 1914 in Chicago. Rents in Jacksonville were 8.7 per cent lower than in 1917, and those in Portland 6.2 below the same year.

Lower Than In 1913. Only one city showed lower food prices than in 1913. This was Savannah, Ga., where prices were reported 4.7 per cent below that year.

In the 1917 group all cities showed heavy drops in food and clothing prices ranging from 22.8 per cent in Scranton, Pa., to 34.1 in Memphis, Tenn., for food, and from 6.5 for clothing in Denver to 25.4 in Cincinnati.

Atlanta showed a decrease of 5.2

First Camp Fire Girl's Club Formed At Polkville School

Engaged in Home, Church and Community Work. Weekly Meetings to Be Held.

(Special to The Star.)

On January 21, a group of Camp Fire girls was organized in the Polkville high school. The guardian, Miss Mardecia Eaker, began work with seven interested girls. Two new members were later added. Three members have since dropped out, leaving a total of six members.

Nisaki, which means "at the foot of the mountain," was chosen for the group name. Each girl also chose for herself an Indian name which seemed best to represent her individual ideals.

It was found to be most effective to hold regular weekly meetings of the group. At these meetings of work of the camp-fire is carried on, or camp fire ideals, and group plans are discussed. The group usually works together on a project, and at the same time each member works upon individual honors.

Since its organization, a year ago, the group has been engaged in home, church and community work. The girls planted flower and shrubs on the school campus, kept flowers in the school library, saw that flowers were placed in the church for each service during a certain period, made it a point to help and cheer old people and invalids, and took over certain definite responsibilities in their own homes. They also prepared a Christmas basket for some motherless children in the community.

A creditable number of individual honors have been won by each girl. For each honor she was awarded a bead. These beads are of various colors representative of the different crafts in which the honors were earned. More honors have been won in home craft than in any other of the seven crafts.

Of the six girls now members of the group, all have completed bead head-bands into which each wore her individual Indian symbol representative of her Indian name and of the ideals which she has set for herself.

Each member has also met all requirements for the rank of wood gatherer, which is the first rank of a camp-fire girl. This rank was awarded by the guardian at an outdoor council fire. The parents and a few interested friends were present at this ceremony by special invitation. At this special meeting the work of the camp fire and the ideals which it strives to attain were explained to the parents and friends by Miss Eaker.

The group has enjoyed a number of outings and hikes, at which times special studies in nature were made, and much experience was obtained in the art of outdoor cooking.

The group, as a whole, is now preparing to celebrate its birthday and to begin work on a quilt which will portray in Indian symbols the story of Camp Fire. Each girl is also engaged in passing off all necessary requirements for the rank of fire maker, the second camp fire rank.

Fire Losses Drop.

North Carolina's fire losses were reduced more than three-quarters of a million dollars last year, or from \$6,308,552 from 2,822 fires in 1930, to \$5,525,437 from 2,585 fires in 1931.

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last week, defeating Hendersonville 27-17 and Christ school 24-19. Bartles was the star in both games.

Rutherford Cagers Keep Fast Stride

Defeated Once In Three Years. Play In Shelby On February 12th.

Early in February Shelby basketball fans will have the opportunity of seeing one of the most remarkable high school cage teams in North Carolina in action. That opportunity will come February 12 when the strong Rutherfordton quint comes to Shelby for a return game.

The Rutherfordton and Shelby quints have met once this year, in Rutherfordton. Shelby losing by a narrow margin. Max Putnam, Shelby center, was ineligible at that time and with him back in the limelight the game here promises to be a stiff battle.

The Rutherfordton quint, which has been defeated only once in three years, won two more games

Pay Your County Taxes

Avoid The Penalty

After FEBRUARY 1st there will be a penalty of one per cent added to all unpaid county taxes, according to law.

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I. M. ALLEN

Sheriff and County Tax Collector

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