Plan Your Summer Work Calendar

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EARNING that extra "pin money" for school next fall is going to be no cinch this summer. Women are finding summer jobs more scarce as employers find year-round help available and more satisfactory. Since Iowa State finishes so late this year, many jobs will be gone or unavailable to you because they will be filled by those who can begin on June 1. Summer resorts have had more women apply for jobs than they will be able to use and department stores have also reported a surplus of summer help.

Just because regular jobs are going to be a little more difficult to find this year, don't give up. If you are really determined and use a little originality, you can find many ways to earn money and gain good experience at the same time.

Although it has been done many times before, baby sitting is still a job that pays fairly well and also leaves you some free time to do other things. Mothers are especially anxious to have help during the summer and most of them will welcome your services.

But if the thought of baby sitting sounds boring to you, why not introduce a new twist to an old job? Talk to several of your friends who have also found themselves jobless and form a "team."

One group of about six girls let it be known to several of the young mothers in their town last year that they would hold a nursery every Wednesday afternoon. They used one of the girl's homes with a big back yard so the children would have plenty of room to play. They taught games and handicrafts, also. Three girls worked each week and then they divided the profits among them.

By working together, the girls were able to take care of about a dozen children instead of only one and it usually took less effort as the children often entertained themselves by playing together. The idea soon became so popular that they held the nursery four afternoons a week. They found they were earning money, doing the mothers a service and having fun all at the same time.

Those foods classes you enjoyed so this year at school can be put to good use this summer, too. Several families want home-made baked products and yet don't like to bake during the summer months. Cookies, pies, cakes and rolls are always in good demand and housewives will pay well for them. Again you might get some of your friends to help you and you'll soon find you have quite a thriving business.

One girl whose father owns a hatchery, plans to work out some food demonstrations and displays promoting the use of eggs in the diet. Display work might be applied to other fields and presents a challenge to your initiative and originality.

Maybe you are especially talented at dancing or handicraft. Maybe you are quite good in some sport. Why not use these talents and organize classes of neighborhood children in the afternoons? You'll find it develops your own skill as well as your students and that both of you will profit from the experience. Sometimes, a local organization or summer recreation plan will sponsor such classes and help you get started.

Or if you enjoy sewing, make some place mats, towels, dolls or other items which can be sold as Christmas gifts. You'll be surprised how many people will welcome the chance to get their Christmas shopping done early.

So you see, the situation is far from hopeless. Although it may take a little more initiative than just filling out an application, the jobs are there and often give more satisfying returns than the more common summer jobs. Just do a little thinking and you'll find them.