

Eskimos Are---

Alaskan Village Is Home Of Two Summer Students

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In a land where dog teams are used instead of automobile, and air-planes ski over the hard-packed snow to gather speed before whirling into the air, Mr. and Mrs. Neville McMillan live in the Eskimo village of Noatak, Alaska.

Working through the Department of Indian Affairs, Mr. McMillan operates the commercial radio station KTKN; Mrs. McMillan teaches the elementary grades in a government school for Eskimo children. Both are enrolled in the University Summer Session and will return to Alaska in August.

Noatak stands at the foot of spruce-timbered mountains, on the bank of the river from which it takes its name. In the winter, dog teams and sleds provide a means of travel in and out of the village; in the summer, boats go up and down the Noatak river, and all the year round there are planes to bring in passengers, mail, and supplies.

"Fisher, Hunter, Trapper"

Mr. McMillan characterized the Eskimo as a "fisher, a hunter, and a

trapper." Mountain sheep, reindeer, and caribou, fish from the river, wild berries, and greens furnish him with the essentials of his diet. Each summer he takes his family on a trip to the coast—less than a day's journey by dog team, or about seven hours by river boat—to fish for whale and seal.

Mercury runs up the scale from 40 degrees below in the winter to 80 degrees in the summer months. "We wear parkas and mukluks (fur boots)", Mrs. McMillan said. "They are warmer, lighter, and more comfortable than coats and shoes."

School is held from 9 to 4 o'clock in the frame schoolhouse wherein three teachers instruct 106 Eskimo children in homemaking, native arts and crafts, wood and metal work, and in the fundamental subjects. Then

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WPA Recreational Director Starts Series of Lectures To University Students

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Mr. Edgar Schmidt, A.B.'30, State Director of Recreation under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration, began a series of lectures in Dr. Forrest C. Allen's Community Recreation class yesterday. These lectures will be given each Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock, and will deal with recreation as sponsored by the Federal W.P.A. organization.

Schmidt was a member of the varsity football and baseball teams during his undergraduate days, winning letters in football in 1927, '28, '29, and in baseball in 1928, '29, and '30.

Dr. Glenn Cunningham Talks To University Group

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Dr. Glenn Cunningham, well-known Kansas track star now connected with the University extension division, spoke before the Community Recreation class on "Recreational Facilities of the Future" yesterday morning.

Cunningham dealt with the practical aspects of Community Recreation.

Cunningham spoke at the Central State Teachers' College at Warrensburg, Mo., Friday.

Schmidt Completes Lecture Series

Edgar Schmidt, State Supervisor of Recreation of the Work Projects Administration, Topeka, who has been giving a series of lectures to the class in community Recreation, completed the lectures last week. Schmidt has been dealing with recreational programs and leadership.