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YWCA To Offer Extended Program

At the recent annual meeting of the YWCA the following members were elected to the Board of Directors: Mrs. K. Patrick Okura, Miss Ethel Mellor, Mrs. Lloyd Peterson, Mrs. Robert McClung, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Pittman, Mrs. Clarence Rubendall, Mrs. Stanley Goodwin, Mrs. C. R. Fargo and Mrs. Roy Robbins.

Elected to the Nominating Committee for the year 1958-1959 were Mrs. Lyle Johnson, Miss Esther Park, Mrs. Lester Kobold, Mrs. Theodore Kolderie and Miss Lula Pritchard.

Included in the business of the meeting was the vote to extend the YWCA program into areas of Omaha not now served. The program planning committee, headed by Mrs. George Robertson, made the recommendation for extension on the basis of experimental programs at the South Omaha YMCA, the Benson Library and the Willa Cather Library.

Mule-Borrowing Family Now Owns 3 Tractors, Picker

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of Cotton Plant, Ark., who borrowed money to buy their first mule 22 years ago, now own three tractors and a mechanical cotton picker, reports T. R. Betton, district agent of the Arkansas Extension Service.

Last year, says Mr. Betton, the Joneses produced 101 bales of cotton, 2,000 bushels of soybeans, 25 head of beef cattle and 40 hogs. The district agent points out that two of his agents, Joseph L. Kennedy and Miss Juanita McKendra, have worked with Mr. and Mrs. Jones and their 13 children, encouraging them to grow most of their own food, and giving them advice on sound farming and homemaking practices.

Starting out as sharecroppers in 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Jones decided after eight years that at the rate they were going they would never save up enough to buy a mule. So they borrowed money and bought one. The next year they bought a second mule and increased their rented acres to 45.

After that from time to time they added a mule and a few acres of rented land. By 1948, they were renting 217 acres, too many for their mules. So they bought a tractor.

Today, the Joneses have three tractors, a mechanical cotton picker, combine, a haybaler, and a grain drill, and they are renting 520 acres of which 270 are cropland.

Within the past few years, the Joneses have been developing improved pastures as the first step of increasing their livestock production. After next year, they hope to market 35 head of cattle annually.

They have already bought a few acres and built a modern ranch house on it. They hope soon to be able to buy more land, says Mr. Betton.

Nearly 95,000 Non-White Operators Quit Farming

Nearly 95,000 nonwhite operators quit farming in the South between 1950 and 1954, according to an analysis of the 1955 Census of Agriculture made by the Farm Population Section of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Between the spring of 1950 and the fall of 1954, the number of nonwhite farm operators in the 17 Southern States dropped from 562,321 to 467,770, or by 94,551.

The sharpest drops percentage-wise took place in Oklahoma and Delaware. In the former, the number of nonwhite farmers declined from 9,018 to 5,282, or by 41 percent; in the latter the decrease was from 392 to 244, or by 38 percent. The smallest drop percentage-wise occurred in North Carolina and West Virginia. Each lost only 7.8 percent. However, North Carolina has 66,908 nonwhite farm operators, while West Virginia has only 343.

In numbers, the largest drop occurred in Mississippi where 22,000 quit farming; Louisiana was second with a loss of 13,000; and Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia each lost 11,000.

Perhaps most of these left agriculture altogether for jobs in towns and cities; but some undoubtedly remained as tractor drivers or other hired farm workers.

Spring Term Classes By Central YWCA

Registrations are now being accepted at the YWCA for spring term classes which will begin the week of March 31 and April 1-5 at the Central YWCA, 506 South 17th Street.

Afternoon and evening classes are open to any woman or girl. Men may enroll in some classes such as bridge, mosaic ceramics, Spanish, painting and sketching. Daytime classes include bridge, painting and sketching, sewing and tailoring, conversational Spanish, trimmastics, swimming, and personality and entertaining in the home. Evening classes include ballroom dancing, horseback riding, golf, tennis, bridge, Judo, bowling, dramatics for fun, modern dance, mosaic ceramics, painting and sketching, sewing and tailoring, trimmastics and swimming.

Children's classes include sewing, painting and sketching, tap and ballet, acrobatics and tumbling, and swimming.

Since classes must have a minimum number, registrations should be made early. For a folder with complete details, call the YWCA, JACKSON 2748. Registrations may be made by mail.

Vincent Wilson, Jr.

Vincent Wilson, Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wilson, Sr., expired Saturday Febr. 22, 1958 at a local hospital.

Committal services were held Tuesday Febr. 25, 1958 at Graceland Park Cemetery. Myers Funeral Service.

Lt. Heimes Returns To Creighton U.

A Creighton graduate will return to the campus Thursday and Friday, March 20 and 21, to assist in Marine Officer Procurement.

Lt. Kenneth A. Heimes who graduated from the University in June 1957 with a B.S. in mathematics, will return to explain the Marine Officer Candidate Course for college seniors and the Platoon Leaders Class for underclassmen.

Members of the Platoon Leaders Class attend two six-week summer training periods at the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., between academic



Lt. Kenneth A. Heimes

years. Those in the Officer Candidate Course attend ten weeks of training at Quantico after graduation. Both courses lead to a commission as a second lieutenant in the Marines, either aviators or ground officers.

Lieutenant Heimes will be accompanied by Major Melvin W. Snow on his Creighton visit. They will be on campus Thursday afternoon and all day Friday.



Clarence Watkins

Clarence Watkins, of 3532 No. 29 St., expired Tuesday Febr. 11, 1958 at a local hospital.

A native of Georgia, he came to Omaha 30 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josie Watkins; 2 sons, Paul and James Watkins; 2 daughters, Sarah and Gussie, all of Omaha; brother, Sidney P. Mitchell of Philadelphia, Pa.

Funeral services were held Saturday Febr. 15, 1958 at 10:00 a.m. from the Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. H. L. Turner officiating, assisted by Rev. J. Brown. Interment was at Graceland Park Cemetery.

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Lieutenant Heimes graduated from Wynot High School in 1953 where he had been a member of the student council, president of his junior class, lettered three years in basketball and baseball and graduated as class valedictorian.

He attended Creighton University on a President's Scholarship and was active in intramural sports, the University Choir, Sodality, Math Club and treasurer of the CU Pep Club. He holds teaching certificates for both Iowa and Nebraska. Lieutenant Heimes entered the Platoon Leaders Class program in 1955 and was commissioned in the Marines upon graduation.

His father Ignatius A. Heimes, farmed near Wynot, Neb., for thirty years and currently lives in Phoenix, Ariz.

CUNNINGHAM MADE HONORARY SCOUT



Rep. Glenn Cunningham received a Boy Scout badge in Washington, D. C., as part of the national celebration of Boy Scout Week. Pinning on the badge is 10-year-old Bobby Haberman of Bethesda, Md., whose mother is the former Dolores Bogner of Crofton, Nebr., and whose father worked in Lincoln several years ago.

Colored 4-H'er Wins Brazil With Native Broadcast

Miss Doris A. Smith, a Virginia colored 4-H'er who is spending six months in Brazil as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate, has won the hearts of the people of the State of Minas Gerais with a broadcast in Portuguese.

The Virginia State College graduate, who has been studying Portuguese since last fall when she was selected to go to Brazil, impressed the radio announcer with her ability to speak the language. He had planned to do the interview through an interpreter, but changed his plans after talking with Miss Smith.

Following the interview, which was conducted entirely in Portuguese, the announcer asked the 4-H'er to sing a song. This she also did in Portuguese. The studio people and the family with whom she was staying at the time were highly pleased with the broadcast, and neighbors and listeners from miles around came or called to congratulate her.

The next day was Miss Smith's 21st birthday and her IFYE family gave her a party. There was a birthday cake with candles; and there were candy and fruit and nuts.

Miss Smith has been in Brazil since October. During this time she has lived with eight families: Brazilian, English, German, American, and Japanese.

Of the Japanese, Miss Smith writes, "There are 13 in the family; two of the girls are about my age. We have become very good friends, as well as IFYE sisters."

"Today my Japanese family was told that I am to leave tomorrow," Miss Smith continues, "so tonight they had a farewell dinner for me. I had a feeling of sadness and happiness when my IFYE sister presented me a beautiful pin from the family and asked that we continue our friendship after I return to the United States."

The privately financed IFYE program is designed to help improve international relations. This is IFYE's 10th anniversary year. Since its inauguration in November, 1948, about 900 U. S. farm youths have visited in 58 countries, and more than 1,000 young people from 60 countries have visited in the United States.

Miss Smith is the sixth colored 4-H'er to become an IFYE delegate. One other has gone from Virginia, three from North Carolina, and one from Mississippi.

Susie Bruce

Mrs. Susie Bruce, age 88 years, formerly of Omaha, expired Monday evening March 3, 1958 at Maywood, Ill.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Virginia Green of Maywood, Ill.; 4 sons, Ernest, Maywood, Ill., Cecil, Waymon and Russell Billingsley of Omaha.

Funeral services tentatively arranged for Friday March 7, 1958 at 2:00 p.m. from the Myers Funeral Home Chapel.