

A volley-ball and badminton court is available, table tennis, and acres of open land and woods for hollering space, hikes and camp-outs. Occasionally the whole community piles onto the big red truck for a hay-ride to a state park or some other point of interest. The young people have their own lounge with books, record player, and indoor games.

And it's more like a picnic than work when everybody turns out for a "canning bee" to put up fruits and vegetables. Well over 2000 quarts of peaches, pears, tomatoes, corn, pickles, jam and juices have been canned and frozen this season.

A number of young people are interested in music and would like to start a band or orchestra. We have a guitar, two soprano recorders, a trumpet and a hand saw, which Will Wittkamper plays beautifully with a violin bow. But we need other instruments. If any of you have one lying around which you'd like to sell, please write and tell us what condition it's in, and the price.

There are now about 7,500 names on our mailing list. We are thankful that we have so many interested friends, and we are glad to bear the expense of printing and postage in order to keep in touch with you. But Uncle Sam won't take Confederate money any more, and we have to work pretty hard for that filthy federal lucre. So here's how you can give us a hand:

(1) IF YOU WANT TO STAY ON OUR MAILING LIST, WRITE "YES" ON A POSTCARD AND PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

(2) Promptly notify us of any change of address. After each mailing of a newsletter 500-800 are returned to us (at an average of 8¢ each), in spite of the fact that many of you thoughtfully do send us a change of address notice.

We are still in the process of converting our operations from general farming to the production of items less vulnerable to boycott. The change from poultry to pecans has been completed for several years and now the income from nuts is about equal to that previously derived from eggs. Changing from row-crops which we cannot sell to cattle which we can sell (at publicly owned auction), has proved a slower, more expensive and discouraging process than we had anticipated. After three or four years of hard work we have now established most of our former crop land in Coastal Bermuda grass, the South's finest pasture plant but which, unfortunately, makes no seed and must therefore be propagated by setting out sprigs. Once established, it will provide years of good grazing and hay if properly managed.

Now the fields are green with grass and the barns are bulging with hay. The only thing we lack is something to eat it. This will require a herd of about 500 brood cows (we have only 60). By increasing them as fast as we can - (and for the life of us we can't persuade our mama cows to have but one calf a year, and half of them are bulls!) it will be 1968 before our herd reaches 500. By that time the income from cattle plus the income from our mail order business should make us once again self-supporting.

Incidentally, the auditor's statement of our finances at the end of 1960 showed an overall deficit of \$10,000. Some of this went for capital improvements such as the hay shelter and the ham smoking facilities. The loss of a large part of the beef herd through brucellosis testing cut down the expected income from that source.

Two new items have been added to our mail order list - spiced nuts and fruit cake. The sugar and cinnamon spiced nuts are a tasty variation. Packaged in attractive 12 oz. boxes, they make excellent gifts and thank-you remembrances. The fruit cake which we developed without the help of the Metracal people, is heavy with pecans and has practically no flour to make it soggy or doughy. Our home-produced muscadine juice provides just the right amount of moisture and adds flavor and aroma to the fruits and nuts. It is baked in only the three-pound size. (The shipping weight is three pounds; the cake itself weighs a few ounces less.)

In closing, we beg you not to let your souls sag. A drooping spirit does not become the Christian. Maintain a fierce belief in God, and don't be afraid to rest all of your weight on Him. Turn up the volume of your inner being to His instructions, corrections and admonitions. Lay claim to His power over death, so that you may have the courage to live in the perspective of eternity. For he whose life is dominated by fear of suffering, persecution or death is but a spiritual runt, unable to reach the higher nature of the mature man in Christ. May peace, such as the world cannot give, be yours.

-- from all of us at Koinonia

During these times when the world totters drunkenly toward the abyss, and man's folly appears to exceed his wisdom, we have been particularly impressed by an article in the SATURDAY REVIEW of August 19, 1961 (reprints available from publisher). It is entitled, "Diary of a Man Struggling With Reality," by John F. Wharton, a prominent lawyer. With grim facts he establishes the tragic possibility of annihilation from nuclear and chemical-biological-radiological warfare (CBR), "but," he says, "I am convinced that no matter how grim our prospects may appear, there is still room for significant action by individuals who are more interested in doing what they can than in giving up the battle in despair." He feels that we must expect and work for a miracle -- "a wondrous thing, possibly caused by interposition of the Deity, but wondrous in any event." He mentions three such miracles in man's past history: "mysterious movements of mankind that produce a world-wide taboo on certain actions; the taboos against incest, cannibalism, and murder. He concludes that "if all the people who today have a horror of incest, a loathing of cannibalism, and a repulsion from murder, were to develop an equal horror, loathing and repulsion from nuclear and CBR warfare, our survival. . . would be reasonably well assured. It would be miraculous if this came to pass, but miraculous does not mean impossible . . . The chances for the occurrence of wondrous events such as this can be improved by human stimulation. (We) need not deny God's willingness to help those striving to do right rather than those sitting passively by." We urge you to read the full article!

If you, like we, find it increasingly difficult to get reliable information on world events, we commend to you Charles Wells' paper, "BETWEEN THE LINES" (circulation department, Newton, Penna.). It "seeks to provide greater insight by presenting selected reports, research analyses, and forecasts drawn from the most authoritative sources. (It) is dedicated to the belief that only through the Judaic-Christian concepts of truth can we avoid the violent changes inherent in war and in communism and thus move forward out of tribalism of man towards the brotherhood of the Kingdom of God.

Five Koinonia children enrolled at Americus High School this year. A sixth - Billy Wittkamper - who was one of the three ordered by a federal judge to be admitted last year, accepted the invitation of Reba Place Fellowship to spend the year with them in Evanston, Illinois, where he can pursue his interest in music and art.

The deepening relationship between Koinonia and other Christian Communities was further strengthened this summer by the coming of the John Millers of Evanston and Fay Reed of Peoria Street Fellowship, for two months. Their contribution to the physical and spiritual life of Koinonia was tremendous, and their presence challenged and encouraged all of us. The response of these communities to our concerns gives us a vision of the depth and meaning of Christian love and brotherliness.

We were glad that we, too, could respond to the request of Forest River community in North Dakota who needed some willing hands and strong backs to help with the grain and hay harvest. Francis Dorrell and Billy Wittkamper went out for a month, returning by way of Chicago where they spent some time seeing the big city. Margaret and Will Wittkamper drove up to Chicago to take the Millers and Fay home, and to pick up Francis and Bill.

During the first half of 1962, Clarence will be staying pretty much at home in order to do some long-postponed study and writing. So, while Clarence will be unavailable for speaking engagements during this time, Conrad Browne will be able to respond to some invitations. Conrad was a student at Kalamazoo College and has a B.D. degree from Chicago, with a major in Old Testament. A conscientious objector during the war, he served in Civilian Public Service camps and with the National Board for Religious Objectors. He has been an integral part of Koinonia for the past twelve years, and has frequently ~~spoken to church groups, college students and ministers.~~ In 1956 he was chosen "Alumnus of the Year" by his Alma Mater, The Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

RECREATION AT KOINONIA - On the banks of Muckaloches Creek which flows through our property, we have a swimmin' hole about 20 by 50 feet. Though a bit muddy after hard rains, it is always cool and is often the scene of much laughter, splashing, and fun on the part of tots, teen-agers, and cane-toters.

A hi-fi set and many records, provide hours of relaxation for lovers of music. We have a fair library and subscribe to two daily newspapers and an assortment of farm, church and other magazines.

# GIFT ITEMS

PECAN HALVES 12oz. \$1.80 per box  
Available filled with plain nuts or with  
cinnamon sugar coated nuts.

FRUIT CAKE 3 lbs. \$3.50 per box  
(If you wish to order twenty or more  
cakes, write for discount prices.)

Above items shipped anywhere in the U.S. postpaid.  
For foreign postage, add 90 cents.

COUNTRY CURED HAMS - smoked with a blend of hickory, sassafras and pecan

7 to 8 lbs - \$8.50

9 to 10 lbs - \$10.50

10 to 11 lbs - \$11.50

8 to 9 lbs - \$9.50

11 to 12 lbs - \$12.50

We pay postage on hams, too, EXCEPT on those going west of New Mexico, Colorado,  
Cheyenne and the Dakotas. ADD 10¢ PER POUND for orders going west of these points.

NOTE - The 12 ounce gift box is a simple white carton with the Koinonia symbol on the top.  
The fruit cake is wrapped in cellophane, and shipped in its own attractive carton.

We will gladly mail your gift boxes for you and enclose one of our greeting cards, or you  
may send us your own card to be enclosed with your order.



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Our one pound cellophane bags are printed with a Koinonia design and with recipes for  
pecan pie, pralines, cookies, etc.

SHELLED PECANS IN ONE POUND CELLOPHANE BAGS --

Two pound box, post paid anywhere in the United States

Shipped ONLY in Boxes of 4,6,8,10 and 26 one lb. bags

Halves

Pieces

\$4.25

\$4.00

1.80 lb.

1.70

SHELLED PECANS IN BULK (not in cellophane bags)

Shipped only by the case

28 lb. min.

30 lb. min.

1.70 lb.

1.60

We pay postage EXCEPT on orders going west of New Mexico, Colorado, Cheyenne and the  
Dakotas. If your package is going west of these points, ADD 10¢ PER POUND on less  
than 26 lbs. and ADD 5¢ PER POUND on 26 lbs. or more.

DISCOUNT - Where two or more cases are going to the same address at the same time, you  
may deduct 10% from the total cost of the nuts, either in 1 lb. bags or in  
bulk. Be sure you add extra postage necessary after taking discount.

If nuts are held any length of time, they should be kept under refrigeration.