

The past year has been one of deep searching as to whether or not to continue here. Our group is so small now that the burdens carried by the remaining few are very heavy. As a result, much of our energy is consumed in the physical work, leaving little time for the things we really feel called to do. But even in this realm, there is now so much tension and lack of communication in the larger community that little positive work can be done. Countless times we've wondered if we weren't more needed somewhere else. So far no clear-cut answer has come, but we continue to pray that God's will may be done with this bit of His domain, of which we are but stewards.

In the meantime, some of us have done what little we could to aid in the struggle towards freedom for all. Our facilities have been made available to SNCC for their staff and training sessions, and some of the leaders stayed here off and on for a number of months until they were finally arrested and lodged in the Sumter County jail, where they still reside. Four of them--three whites and one Negro--are charged with inciting to insurrection, a capital offense in Georgia, and are being held without bond. Over 200 Negro young people have been arrested in this county, and some accounts of their treatment are reminiscent of the infamous Civil War prison at Andersonville, also located in this county. Because the newspapers have given this very little coverage, you might wish further information, which may be secured by addressing The Sumter County Movement, Box 91, Americus, Ga. Contributions may be sent to the same address.

Our three High Schoolers, Greg and David Wittkamper and Jan Jordan, continue to have rough sledding, though this is nothing new for them. Almost completely ostracized and repeatedly called filthy names, they cheerfully and courageously bear witness to their faith. They have refused our offers to send them away to school, feeling that they have a mission to accomplish here.

Con and Ora Browne, after twelve years at Koinonia, have taken a year's leave of absence and have moved with their family to Knoxville, Tenn., where Con has a position on the staff of Highlander Training Center. His work is primarily in the field of adult education, preparing leaders in the South for the responsibilities of full citizenship. Their Knoxville address is 115 Greenbriar Drive.

Dorothy Swisshelm will soon be launching on a new venture, having been called to the position of case-worker at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss., where she will start work the last of October. The Mission, operated by the United Church of Christ, is located at 424 Chartres Street.

The Wittkamper family returned to Koinonia in June after 15 months at the Forest River Community in North Dakota. Their oldest son, Bill, spent the summer here and was baptized by his father in an impressive ceremony just before returning to Reba Place Fellowship in Evanston, Ill., where he will complete his senior year in High School. Last year Bill and a friend placed first among many contestants at the Chicago Music Festival, winning a prize of \$200. Bill also won a scholarship to the Chicago Art Academy.

Jim Jordan returns this fall to Mercer University in Macon, Ga., from which he will graduate next spring with a double major in History and English.

Clarence Jordan has finally begun writing down some of his "cotton patch" translations of the Scriptures. He has completed Ephesians and Hebrews, and each is now available in booklet form. They are 35¢ for either Ephesians or Hebrews, 3 for \$1.00, postpaid. In quantities of 25 or more (orders may be mixed), the price is 25¢ each, postpaid. The Gospel of Luke has also been translated, but is still in

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manuscript form and therefore not available now. Tapes of Clarence's four Bible lectures on Ephesians at the American Baptist Convention in Detroit last May may be obtained for \$7.00 for all four, or \$4.00 for either Lectures 1 and 2, or 3 and 4.

Pecan prospects are good, with the largest crop in history expected. Last year the crop was almost a failure, and supplies were so short that we had none left to carry over for early orders this fall. This means that we will have only new crop nuts, and that we will not be able to begin shipping until harvest begins. Our prediction now is that this will be between Oct. 15 and Nov. 1. Fruit cake and pecandy also won't be available until then. We will fill orders on a first-come first-served basis, so please get your order in as soon as possible.

Because of the big crop, the price of pecans should be lower than last year, although the extremely small carry-over from last year will create a heavy demand at the beginning of the season and hold prices up. Since this letter has to go out early, we're having to guess at the prices. We're lowering ours some, though perhaps not as much as they should be toward the end of the season. If we've missed our guess, and are a bit high, we'll try to make up for it in extra fine quality. The price of fruit-cake remain substantially the same, since the lowered cost of nuts is off-set by the increased cost of sugar and fruit.

We do want you to know that we are very, very grateful for your orders, for this is still almost our sole means of livelihood. And it is our sincere desire that when you make a purchase from us you will get full value received. While we highly value your friendship, we don't want that to be the basis of your order.

In closing, we leave with you the "cotton patch" version of Paul's word to the Ephesian brethren: "Take extra care, then, how you live--not like nit-wits, but like wits. Use your time as though you had to buy it, because there's a lot of wickedness around these days.... Don't get drunk on wine and carry on a lot of foolishness; tank up on the spirit and do your talking to each other with hymns and songs and spirituals, singing and strumming in your hearts to the Lord. Always give thanks for everything to the Father-God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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