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A BIG crop. *Building, building, building!* Lively tutoring program in progress. A wedding at Koinonia and another being planned! Visitors and volunteers keep rolling in. Two new books soon to be published. Order pecans NOW before prices go up...These are the headlines at Koinonia this summer.



George Maendel and "Bo" Johnson
Farming Partners

The rains have come in profusion this spring and our crops have never been better. Ed Young, a recent philosophy graduate from Gordon College in Massachusetts, has joined George Maendel and Bo Johnson in the farming partnership. (In addition to being a farming philosopher, Ed keeps us all in good spirits with his lively guitar.) The partners have 202 acres of corn and 127 acres of peanuts which will be harvested in August and September. We expect the highest yield ever. Keep praying with us because a big crop means more houses for needy families around us.

Thomas Woods and Greg Parizek also have a bumper crop in their 15-acre vegetable garden. Every morning Greg leads a gang of volunteers into the fields to harvest okra, peas, butter beans, corn, watermelon, and cantaloupe. Thomas, the selling partner, runs daily loads of vegetables to the Farmers' Market in Columbus, Georgia.

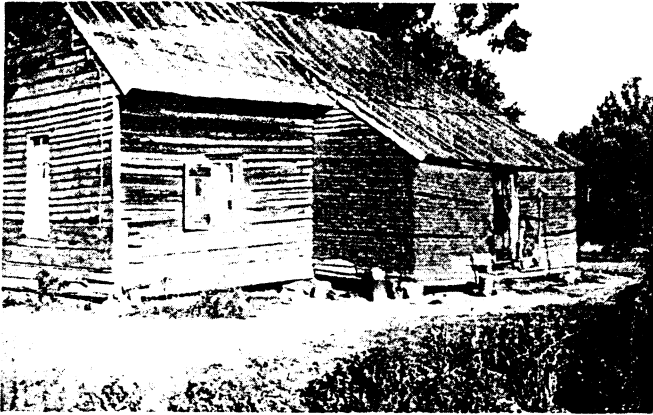


Volunteers in the Vegetable Garden

A "little league" Pig Partnership was started in June by Chris Fuller (Millard and Linda's 10-year-old son), Rodney Zook (Al and Ann's 10-year-old son), Joseph Johnson (Bo and Emma's 12-year-old son) and Dean White (Bo's 9-year-old grandson). The boys make daily rounds of the homes to collect "slop" for the pigs. They are very excited about being a real part of Koinonia Partners.

With three families already living in the new housing area, it is beginning to look like a real community. We have decided to call it "Koinonia Village." Three more families will move in within a few weeks.

The seventh house in the Village will be occupied in September by Ashton and Marie Jones. Many of you will remember Ashton Jones from his years of peace activity or from his arrest several years ago in Atlanta for attempting to worship at the First Baptist Church with a group of Negroes. He was sentenced to 18 months in jail for "disturbing



The family living here will soon move to the house below.



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Sites have been cleared for four more houses and we hope to start construction on these sites soon. Families pay \$25-\$30 a month on their homes for 20 years. Most poor people can't afford a home at conventional financing costs, which, with present high interest rates, would be \$75-\$80 a month. Some can pay a bit more than \$25, however, so the families are encouraged, though not required, to contribute to the Fund for Humanity above this required payment in order to help build more houses for the poor. We are finding that this spirit of voluntary sharing is infectious, even among the poor.

Florence Jordan moved into her new house in June. This move frees the larger house she had been living in (which she no longer needs because of Clarence's death and Lenny going off to school) for use by guests. She remains very active in the work of Koinonia Partners, serving as treasurer and hosting many visitors from across the country and around the world. Her son, Lenny, graduated last month from high

divine worship." Koinonia launched a mail campaign which resulted in his being released after serving 6 months of the sentence. Ashton and Marie are providing the funds for this house, but it will remain the property of Koinonia Partners. Upon their death, the house will be free to be sold to some needy family on a no-interest basis much as we offer other families in the Village.

The eighth house is just now getting under construction and is being made possible through the "spirit of partnership" of Mr. Clement Orr of New Hampshire. In June, he gave \$2,000 to be matched by other friends of Koinonia. Notice of this gift was sent to everyone who had previously contributed to the Fund for Humanity. The response was quick and complete. Within a week the \$2,000 had been matched. When Mr. Orr learned of this response, he added an additional \$2,000 to be matched. If you would like to help match this gift, just send your check to the Fund marked "matching gift." This money will then total more than enough to announce the good news of a new house to another family.



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school and is now attending summer school -- on full scholarship -- in Andover, Mass. He enters Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, this September. Jim, the eldest Jordan son, will return to Koinonia with his wife, Tricia, for a month-long stay in September. He spent the past two years in Elkhart, Ind., working with the Welfare Department as alternate service to the draft.

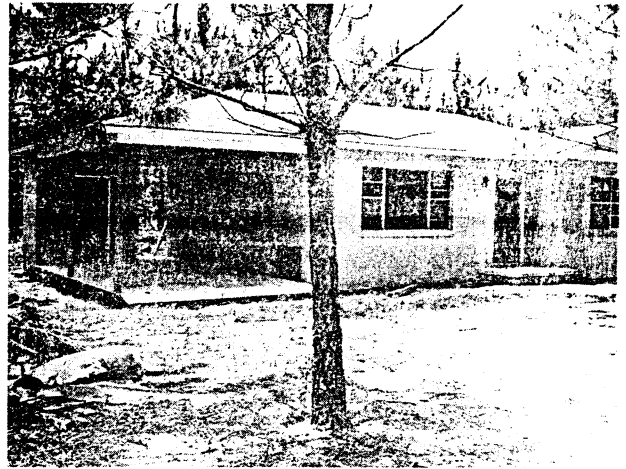
The tutoring program, under the expert guidance of Ted Swisher (a volunteer student from Princeton) is helping black high school students who will be entering integrated schools this fall. Seminars are held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings in the cold storage room! (How's that for creative use of cold space in 100-degree heat?!) Fifteen students are being tutored by six volunteers in a course which involves reading, grammar, composition, black history, and a little algebra on the side.

On June 20th we had a Koinonia wedding under the old chinaberry tree. Thomas Woods, who has been a partner for nearly two years, and Linda Rutherford, a classmate of Thomas', were wed in a simple ceremony conducted by Will Wittkamper. The reception that followed was highlighted by a three-piece Koinonia orchestra (two guitars and a banjo) and a lovely three-tier wedding cake. The Woods, who are living with Thomas' brother in the housing village this summer, will move to the main part of the community in September.

Another wedding is being planned by Mike Felton and Suzie Worell. This couple met at Koinonia while both were volunteers this spring. Mike will work with house construction and Suzie will be involved in our communications work. They plan to become full partners in Koinonia's venture. We're so happy to welcome the two new "teams" of Thomas and Linda and Mike and Suzie to the Koinonia family.

In April, Dan and Beverly Prutsman, a young couple from Troupsburg, New York, arrived to do a two year tour of volunteer service under the Eastern Mennonite Board. Dan, an extremely talented person, is constantly being called on to fix the well pump, repair the truck, overhaul the tractor, unstop drains, and do a host of other jobs. He knows how to do them all. Beverly is equally talented in the book shipping department. She hopes to teach school next year.

The months of July and August are our busiest months with volunteers. Literally scores of young people from Young Life, various churches, and colleges are pouring into Koinonia to work and study and worship. John and Diane McEntyre, from the Lower East Side of New York City, have a YL group here for a month. They, and all of the volunteers, are pitching in beautifully to help paint, install septic tanks, harvest vegetables, etc. Each work day begins at 6:50 with a short devotional period under the big pecan tree in front of the office. Work continues until noon and resumes (after naps and a dip in the swimming hole) at 3:00 p.m. Supper is at 6:00 and then it's guitar playing, singing, reading, "rap" sessions, Bible study, and so forth.



GOOD NEWS!



*Mike & Suzie, standing
Thomas & Linda, sitting*

CREATIVE TIE-DYEING of T-Shirts has hit the scene at Koinonia. Tie-dyeing is a new artistic skill and a fast growing fad among young people. It is done by tying or folding fabric in various ways to achieve dramatic and colorful patterns when dyed. Several young ladies from Connecticut are creating beautiful tie-dyed T-Shirts. All profits from the sale of these T-Shirts will go into the Fund for Humanity to build houses for poor rural displaced families. We can send one or more to a son, daughter, or friend for \$4.00, if you want to accept our opinion that each shirt is an original artistic design and dyed in such a way that the colors are "locked-in." They come Small, Medium, & Large.



Tie-dyed T-Shirts - \$4.00

Don and Carolyn Mosley of Austin, Texas are two of our really great volunteer workers this summer. Don is formerly a Peace Corps director who served for two years in Korea as director of 100 Peace Corps volunteers. Skilled in construction work, he has tackled the job of completing the water system for Koinonia Village, installing a large play platform in the playground at Koinonia Village, and converting an old egg house into a boys' dormitory. Carolyn is busy keeping up with their two-year-old son, Tony, and working in the community kitchen.



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David and Margaret Gale and Ruth Belser, residents of Reba Place Fellowship in Evanston, Illinois, have been here for a month with five of the teenage boys from their community to help with the farm work. David is director of Koinonia Records.

If you've gotten a letter from Koinonia lately, chances are it was typed by Dottie Waterfield, a YL volunteer from Philadelphia. Dottie has been a real "angel" filling in for Lori DeGilio who was on a well-earned vacation.



GOOD NEWS!

In our Spring Newsletter we told you about the publication of *TURNING POINT*, the exciting new record by Lucine Michaels. The response to this record has been quite good. Here is a typical comment we have received:

"Beautiful! And the words...each is a sermon that should be heard again and again."

Two new books are scheduled for publication this fall. The first is *THE COTTON PATCH VERSION OF MATTHEW AND JOHN*. Clarence Jordan left a completed manuscript for

Matthew and the first eight chapters of John. These manuscripts are being published by Association Press as the final Cotton Patch book by our friend, Clarence.

The second book to be published this fall is THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, as explained by Clarence Jordan. This book was first published in 1952 by Judson Press and is now being republished by them in conjunction with Koinonia. As you probably know, Clarence Jordan relentlessly pursued a deep understanding of The Sermon on the Mount. His keen insight makes this a powerful and provocative book which many of you will want to read.

Dallas Lee is continuing to research and write the story of Koinonia. He will write at least through August, his 8th month full-time on this assignment. The book will be published sometime in 1971.

Enclosed you will find a price list for pecans and other farm products. NO SHIPMENTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS WILL BE MADE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10TH (shipments are made throughout the year on books, records, and pamphlets). However, by placing your order now you can take advantage of the listed prices. There will be an increase in price on some of the items when the fall price list is issued, but all orders received prior to the new price list (issued September 15th) will be filled at the prices indicated on the enclosed price list. Indications are that there will be a "short crop" on pecans this year. This tends to force the price up. (Also, as you know, everything else keeps going up.) Now is the time that many organizations plan their fall fund raising programs. Please keep in mind that Koinonia products are excellent choices----the food products are of the highest quality---and the Pecan Cookbook is a great gift idea. You will find our quantity prices set forth in the enclosed price list.

Whatever your participation---small or large---we are deeply grateful for your continuing interest in the work of Koinonia Partners. When you're in our area, come to see us. You're always welcome.