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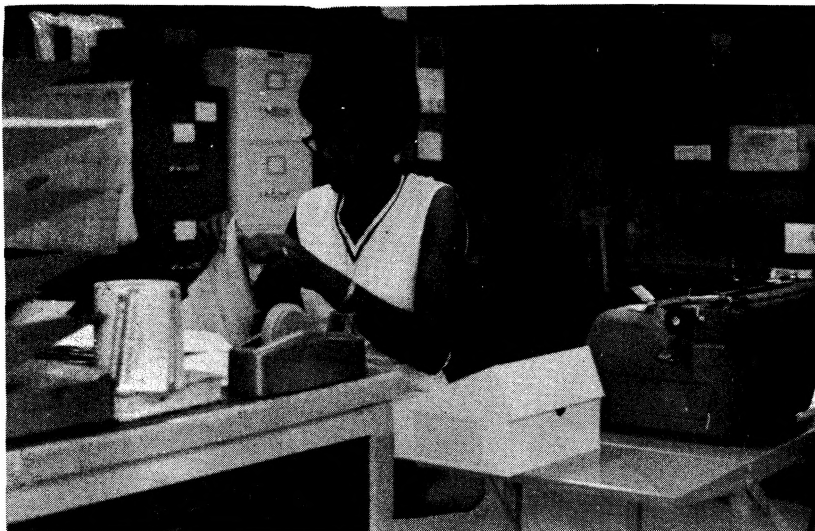
The fifteenth pecan season at Koinonia is here! Clarence Jordan launched the first sale of pecans and pecan products in the fall of 1957 with the slogan, "Help us ship the nuts out of Georgia!" You have been helping us "get the nuts out" ever since. But there are still a lot of nuts in Georgia so we still need your help!!

One of the persons who helped get those first nuts out was Mrs. Gussie Jackson. She is still on the job and anxious to help fill your order this season. In the early years "Miss Gussie" (as she is known by her friends here) paid a price for working at Koinonia. She had a cross burned in front of her home and one night some people poured gasoline on her house and set it on fire. She and her husband and some neighbors fought desperately and put the fire out before it destroyed their home. But, even in the face of all this, she stayed right on at Koinonia and has not missed a pecan season since she started. Her life has changed since last fall, however, due to the death of her husband, Roy.



Mrs. Gussie Jackson

While "Miss Gussie" is the senior employee, the newest person who will be handling your order this fall is Mildred Bateman, who moved to Koinonia only two months ago from Americus. Her job is to receive and open the mail each day, and get the orders ready to be processed. Mildred is eighteen years old and a recent graduate of Union High School, one of the three county high schools. She plans to live and work at Koinonia for a couple of years before going to college.

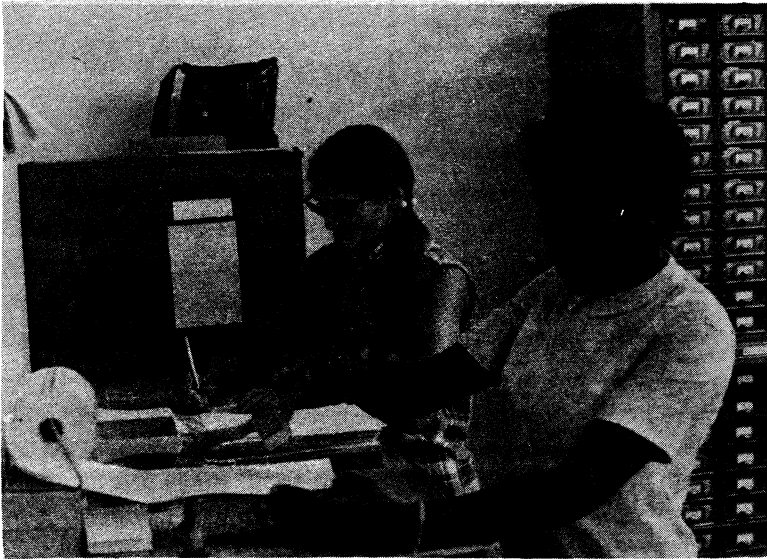


Mildred Bateman

Laura Smith is another vital link in the chain of getting your orders to you. She is in charge of the mailing room and works closely with Ann Zook. This season will be Laura's third here. She is a truly fantastic person and does her job so well that we wonder how we ever got along before she came. Laura pulls your address-o-graph plate from the files when your order comes in and makes the correct number of labels for you and for your gift orders. She

also keeps up with address changes for you and for the other 25,000 people on our mailing list.

Al Zook and Mike Felton buzz all over the place making candy, fixing broken machines, ordering supplies and just generally keeping a hundred things all going at once.



Dozens of other people (too many to mention by name) are busy too in the complicated process of getting a little pecan out of its shell -- fixed up just the way you want it -- and in your hands.

THE FALL PRODUCTS BROCHURE LISTING ALL PECAN PRODUCTS (as well as other items we offer for sale) IS ENCLOSED. STUDY IT CAREFULLY AND PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW. NOTICE ESPECIALLY THE VARIETY PACKS. THESE MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS FOR FRIENDS AND

Ann Zook and Laura Smith

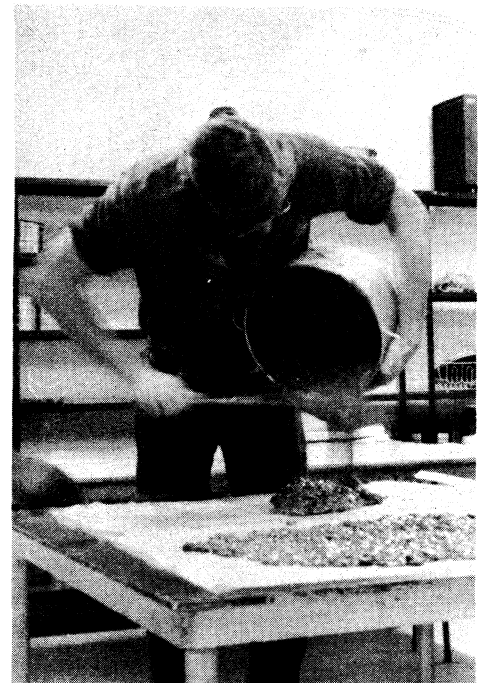
RELATIVES. A FRUIT CAKE IN A TIN MAKES A GOOD GIFT, TOO. AND, DON'T FORGET YOURSELF WHEN YOU ORDER. ALL OF THE PRODUCTS ARE GUARANTEED. YOU'LL BE PLEASED OR WE'LL REFUND YOUR MONEY. SO, GET YOUR ORDER IN THE MAIL RIGHT AWAY. WE WANT TO "GET THE NUTS OUT ---- QUICK!"

Also enclosed is a sheet picturing the Koinonia Handcrafted items. Carol and Laurie are now in their new "home" for this little partnership industry --- the old cow barn! They are ready for your orders too, so send them along with your pecan, book, and record orders.

As we prepare for a busy fall season, we cannot help but reflect upon the good summer we've had. Groups of young people have been in and out of here since June from Kansas, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, and other states. Individual volunteers and visitors have come from such far away places as Australia, Japan, Switzerland, Canada, and from practically every state in the country. We have worked and played and talked and studied and prayed together. It's been a good summer and we thank God for every person who has come to share our life.

Joanne Abel conducted six weeks of Bible School this summer for the children of the farm and surrounding area. Over one hundred children were involved. (Joanne is now teaching school in one of the county schools.)

One of the most exciting new projects at Koinonia is the Child Development Center. It is



Mike Felton pouring candy

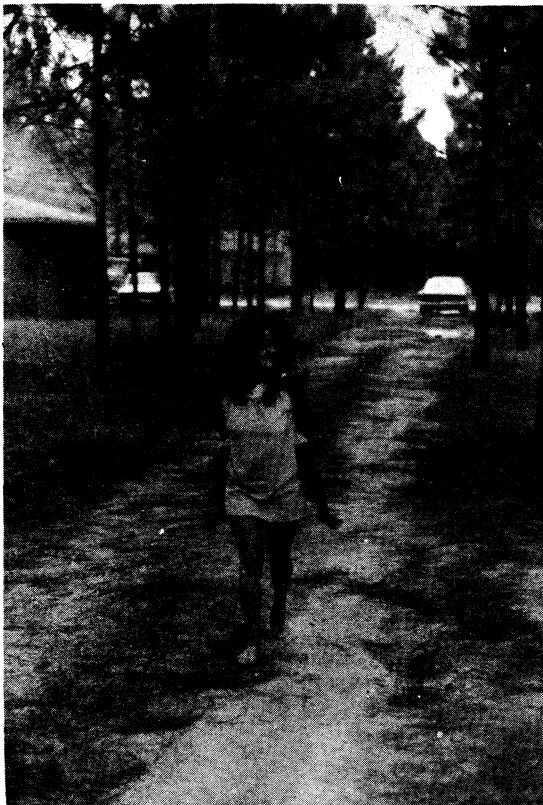
scheduled to open in late September under the direction of Debbie Boggs. She will be assisted by Peggy Londeree and Margaret Wittkamper. The first year of operation will be held in a house at Koinonia Village which will eventually become a home for another family. This first year the center will accommodate twenty children, ages two to five. Next year, if funds are available, we hope to build for sixty children in the Koinonia Village park.

A friend in New England recently donated \$400 for equipment for this center and requested that it be matched by other Koinonia friends who have a special interest in this Center. If you want to contribute for this purpose, designate your gift for the Child Development Center. If we get more than enough to match this gift, the excess will go toward operating the Center this year and building the new Center next year.



Mrs. Mazie Morgan baking fruit cakes

In building and operating this Center, we have only funds from concerned people around the country and from shared profits from Koinonia industries and farming ventures. The parents pay a modest fee for their children, but not nearly enough to cover all the costs. We receive no government funds and we seek none. In this, and all other Koinonia projects, we espouse and try to practice a spirit of partnership and concern for our fellow man. We rejoice when you share in this spirit with us. All gifts to any phase of Koinonia's ministry are tax deductible. Non-interest loans are helpful too. Write for details. All checks should be made payable to Koinonia Partners, Inc. - The Fund for Humanity.



Debbie Boggs and little friend

The housing work continues to make excellent progress. Fourteen houses are now complete and occupied in Koinonia Village and eight more are under construction -- twenty-two in all! We are still hoping to have at least thirty houses complete or under construction by the end of the year.

One of the fine young men doing volunteer work on the houses in Koinonia Village is James Allen from Macon, Georgia. James has been a college student for the past year and

he plans to re-enter college in January, but for a six month period he is giving of himself to help build homes for needy families. He recently started a series of letters to some of his close friends entitled "Letters from the Egghouse" ("The Egghouse" is a men's dormitory at Koinonia. It is a converted egghouse, as you might guess!") He answers the question "Why am I at Koinonia?" in a beautiful way and we want to share his answer with you.

"Why am I at Koinonia?" At first I thought I was here because my home in Macon appeared to hold trouble and turmoil for me after I withdrew from school July 13th. Just another place to hide from that ever corrupting society which robs, steals, hates, condemns, and even destroys those who aren't strong enough to survive. A society that also loves, admires, upholds, teaches, and preaches about God and Christ, while it drags down so many unprepared and underfoot people. Yes, that unfriendly, unpredictable, non-understanding society, with its morals, values and principles is the one I hoped to escape.

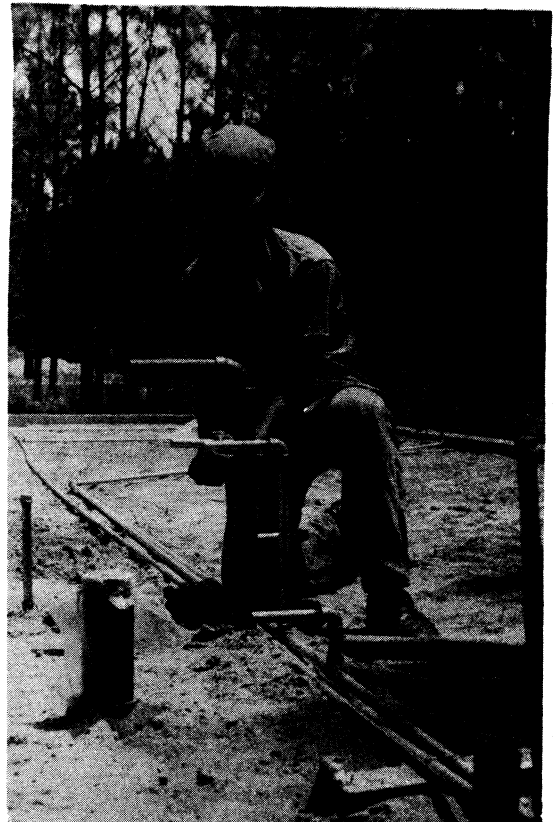
"But I didn't escape this society. I just found newer and better means of 'seeking' and not just coping with it. Believe it or not, I've found the key to all my problems--and yours--if you want it. The key is 'Holy Trinity'--the Father (God), Jesus, the man, Jesus, the Christ, and the Spirit of Love, Joy, Happiness, Peace, and Truth are combined to make this one golden key.

'A Golden Key' capable of opening many great and glorious doors if you have the faith. First, there is the door through which lies the path of the straight and narrow. We all must walk this path to enter his wonderful kingdom. Secondly, there are the doors of self-concern, self-understanding, self-pride and self-love, all of which are wholesome and pure ways. Thirdly, after all the doors for self are open, then the doors of sharing, loving, peacemaking, and above all, brotherhood, World Brotherhood, shall be open. And finally, my dear brothers and sisters, if there has been faithfulness, righteousness, and trustworthiness on our part, then and only then will the grand prize come. The Grand Prize is the Pearly Gates which lead to the 'Kingdom of God, or Heaven,' Our Father's Kingdom here on earth and thereafter.

"I remind you there is no room for liars, bigots, materialistic fools, church-going christians, bible-carrying christians, and pseudo preachers, etc....unless God's words and deeds are accepted wholeheartedly and with undying faith. You have heard this numerous times before but it is time to get right with God, your fellow man, and yourself. Life is far too beautiful for it to be wasted.

Love and Peace in His Name,

Jim Wayne Allen"



Jim Wayne Allen

Koinonia Handcrafts

Rt. 2, Americus, Georgia 31709

Summer is barely over, but Christmas is just around the corner. (Don't you hate it when people advertise so early?) Koinonia Handcrafts can help you prepare for the holidays. Why not order a wall hanging for your dad's office and a piece of tie-dye fabric for your mom to sew? Then pick out something you especially like and put it under the tree to surprise yourself. Our barn is almost complete, and we're anxious to fill your order. Indicate on the order blank the day your gift should arrive. We'll enclose a gift card if you tell us what to say. PLEASE ORDER NOW TO INSURE DELIVERY BY CHRISTMAS.

Partners - Carol & Laurie

We are now Koinonia Handcrafts.
Please send a separate check.



a) dashiki ~ men's sizes S, M, L	9 <u>50</u>	i) peasant blouse ~ short, gathered sleeves duckline, perfect with long skirt ~ women's sizes S, M, L	7 <u>50</u>
b) dashiki dress ~ above-the-knee length, drop sleeves ~ women's sizes S, M, L	10 <u>50</u>	j) peasant blouse ~ long, gathered sleeves same as above	9 <u>50</u>
c) long dashiki dress ~ ankle length same as above	13 <u>50</u>	k) tie-blouse ~ slightly gathered at neckline with ribbon ~ women's sizes S, M, L	5 <u>50</u>
d) special patchwork dress, ankle length, long-straight sleeves ~ women's sizes S, M, L	19 <u>50</u>	l) tie-dyed T-shirt ~ still a big item comfortable and cool ~ men's sizes S, M, L	4 <u>50</u>
e) peasant-style dress ~ above-the-knee short sleeves, gathered at neckline empire waist ~ women's sizes S, M, L	10 <u>50</u>	m) tie-dyed yard goods for makin' yer own clothes or for decorating ~ 45" wide up to 4-yard piece.	2 <u>50</u> / yd.
f) long peasant-style dress ~ ankle-length, same as above	13 <u>50</u>	n) tie-dyed wall hangings mounted on boards with string to hang ~ our most distinctive and original tie-dye.	7 <u>50</u> 9 <u>50</u>
g) ankle-length skirt ~ gathered with waistband and hook & eye closing <u>state waist size</u>	10 <u>50</u>	45" x 36"	
h) special patchwork ankle-length skirt ~ same as above. <u>state waist size</u>	16 <u>50</u>	45" x 72"	

Items a thru K available in

1-American print	4- animal print
2-African print	5- tie-dye
3-Handscreened Thai print	6- unbleached muslin with trim or border

men's sizes S=34-36 M=38-40 L=42-44 women's S=8-10 M=12-14 L=16-18

Send this order blank with your check to: KOINONIA HANDCRAFTS
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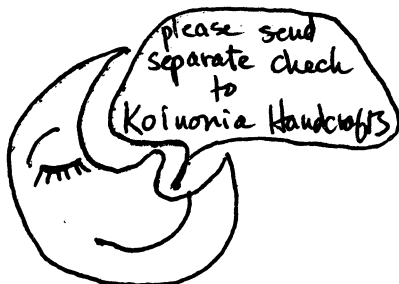
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