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DOMESTIC EXTENSION ACTIVITY SURGES

In the last three years, the Domestic Extension Committee has ambitiously undertaken two new major projects worth reporting on in detail. These two projects are a systematic collection of information on study group activity, and a new Library Book Placement Program. This issue of *URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin* is devoted to these activities of the committee. Pages two and three of the *Bulletin* display a map of the United States showing the approximate location of over 200 study groups as well as the 13 URANTIA societies of URANTIA Brotherhood. This map is one result of the Domestic Extension project to gather information on study group activity nationwide.

Committee Composition

The Chairman of the Domestic Extension Committee is Harry McMullan III of Oklahoma City, who was elected to the position in 1979. Other members of the committee include Tom Allen (Oklahoma City), Mary Burton (Lake Villa, Illinois), Cecilia Forrester (Chicago), Geraldine Hahn (Highland Park, Illinois), and David Kuleke (Mount Prospect, Illinois). Together, the committee members have energetically taken on several new projects.

Study Group Activity Explored

The Domestic Extension Committee first undertook to more accurately determine the location, nature, and number of study groups in 1979. Not only was it planned to learn about current activities, but also to bring people together and help create new groups. One of the constitutional responsibilities of the Domestic Extension Committee is to stimulate study group activity. In October, 1980, a questionnaire was sent to the entire domestic mailing list of URANTIA Brotherhood which was approximately 2500 addresses at the time. One of the questionnaire items asked whether the individual was willing to have his or her name given out to others. Wherever one or more persons were so willing, they were entered on a list for their geographical zone. A page summary was developed for each zone, providing study group locations and people willing to be contacted.

The coordinator of this project is David Kuleke. David explained that the committee divided the 50 United States into 200 geographical zones. The zones are based on geography, not population. A zone concept was devised so that people could be informed of other readers within reasonable traveling distance to themselves. Readers living close to a zone border were to be informed of readers in the next zone as well. As questionnaires were returned, they were organized into the zones and the information was sifted, sorted, and recorded for each zone. This task required scores of hours in committee time and the committee was involved in compiling this data for a year.

Of the 2500 questionnaires sent out, over 1500 were returned reporting on just over 200 study groups nationwide. After the page summary was developed for each zone, copies were sent to each person in the zone on the mailing list as a means of referral. Societies have responsibility for referrals within their own zones. The Domestic Extension Committee has forwarded information gathered in the 13 society zones to each respective society. The large mailing was a major coordinating task requiring many hours of work by the committee members and by volunteers. Mailing work lasted from December, 1981, to February, 1982.

This was the first comprehensive effort to collect reader and study group data in the United States. Maintaining the system should be less time-consuming now that it has been established.

David hopes that many new groups will emerge as a result of the coordinating function by the Domestic Extension Committee. In particular, he hopes the project will help the isolated readers who were unaware of groups or other readers in their zones. The early leaders of the Brotherhood established a policy that thousands of study groups must be brought into being for *The URANTIA Book* to be in readiness to comfort and enlighten the peoples of many languages.

The committee reports that in addition to information about study groups, they received a wealth of other information, comments, and suggestions which they are trying to process and absorb. While individual replies to all the respondents is not feasible, the committee wishes to express its appreciation for all responses.

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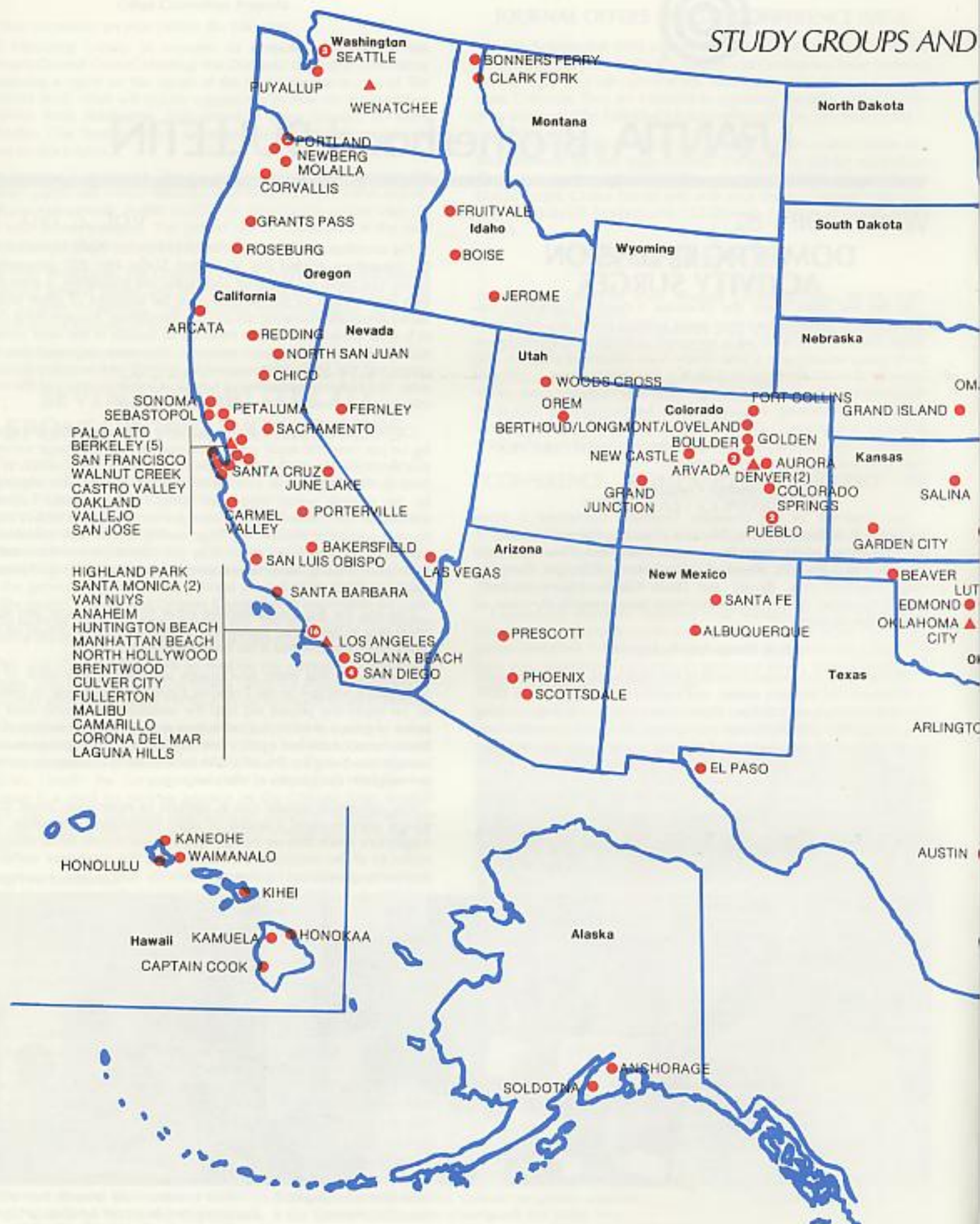


Harry McMullan III

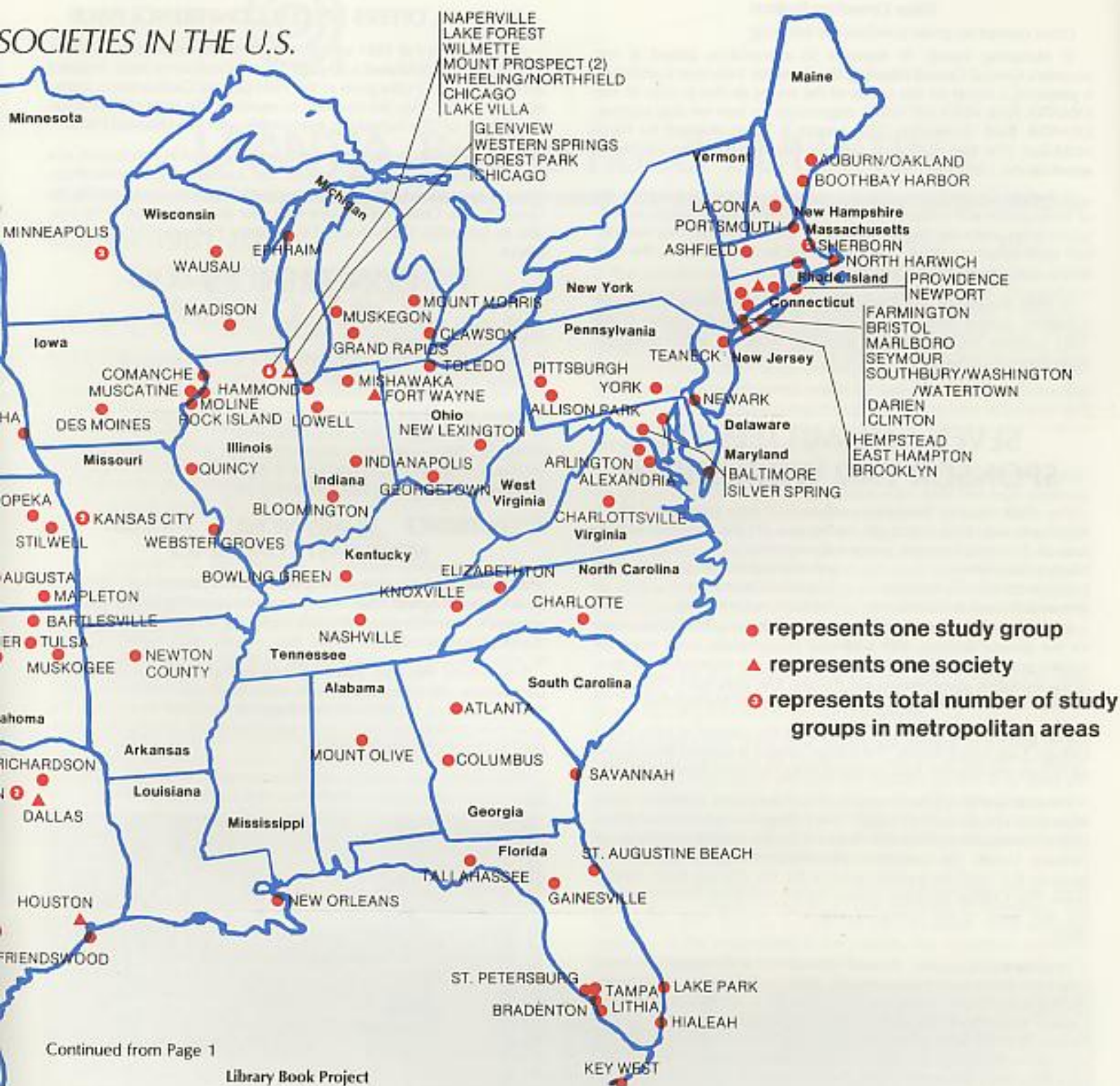
Volunteers working on Domestic Extension Committee project were spread out through many rooms at 533 Diversey.

Three members of the Domestic Extension Committee work to get out a mailing. Left to right: Cece Forrester, David Kuleke, Mary Burton.

STUDY GROUPS AND



SOCIETIES IN THE U.S.



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Library Book Project

One project undertaken in 1981 and being directed by Tom Allen is a Library Book Placement Program. The purpose of this program is to enable *The URANTIA Book* to be more widely available to the public through libraries of all types and thereby stimulate dissemination of the teachings of the book in the United States. At this time, of the 28,000 libraries in the United States, only a few hundred currently contain *The URANTIA Book*.

Four thousand dollars was recently budgeted to the Domestic Extension Committee for the Library Book Placement Program. That sum is roughly equivalent to 225 *URANTIA Books*. The committee is soliciting the help of volunteers to place these books effectively in libraries around the nation. One hundred people were initially contacted and Tom reports that over 30 have already responded favorably.

Wherever possible, the committee volunteers will encourage purchase of the book by libraries, but failing that, will donate copies to libraries selected by the committee from suggestions of individual readers. The more libraries that can be persuaded to buy the book, the farther the stock of 225 gift books will stretch.

An interesting side note is that two members of the Domestic Extension Committee discovered *The URANTIA Book* by browsing with no prior knowledge of its existence. Cece Forrester found the book in her college library while looking for information about angels. Harry McMullan came upon *The URANTIA Book* in a used book store, and because the price was so low, thought it was worth taking a chance.

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Other Committee Projects

Other committee projects include the following:

1) Marketing Survey. In response to a resolution passed at last summer's General Council Meeting, the Domestic Extension Committee is preparing a report on the causes of the recent decline in sales of *The URANTIA Book* which will include suggestions on how we may improve *URANTIA Book* distribution. This project is being directed by Harry McMullan. (The Special Projects Committee is also preparing a separate report on this subject.)

2) Society Clearinghouse. This is a project to develop a complete list of study guides and written materials of all kinds available within individual societies and make the list available to the societies so they may obtain each other's materials. This project will be undertaken in the near future. David Kulieke is the project leader.

3) 1982 Workshops. The Domestic Extension Committee will present a half-day general session and one day of small group sessions at the 1982 Summer Workshops. The workshop subject is group dynamics. Mary Burton is in charge of this project.

Quite evidently, the Domestic Extension Committee is moving dynamically forward to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities.

SEVEN COMMITTEES TO SPONSOR 1982 WORKSHOPS

The 1982 Summer Workshops will be held from June 27 to July 2. Registrants will check in and get settled June 27; the programs start on June 28. Six committees are sponsoring programs:

Charter Committee	International Fellowship Committee
Fraternal Relations Committee	Education Committee
Domestic Extension Committee	Publications Committee

Most of the programs for the various committees are a half-day each for the general sessions, with additional presentations being made for smaller groups. The Special Projects Committee is responsible for most of the workshop arrangements and the site. The workshops thus involve seven of the nine standing committees of URANTIA Brotherhood.

This year the workshops will be held on the campus of Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois. The college campus is situated amid wooded ravines which border Lake Michigan along the North Shore of Illinois.

Previous workshops have been held at Lake Forest Academy, a few miles west of Lake Forest College. The College has much better dormitory accommodations than the Academy, and excellent meeting room facilities. Usually the campus is unavailable throughout the summer because it is used for summer practice by the Chicago Bears football team. The College has been contracted by URANTIA Brotherhood for the only week of the summer in which the football team will not be there.

Important: To receive detailed information and registration forms, return the interest card you received with your Fall Bulletin. A workshop mailing is going out in May to those who have returned their interest cards. If you cannot find or did not receive a card, send a note to John Hales, URANTIA Brotherhood, saying you would like to receive registration forms. Workshop space is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after the forms go out in May.

Triennial Delegate Assembly

The workshops will occur after the Triennial Delegate Assembly, a meeting of delegates from URANTIA societies who elect members to the General Council, the governing body of URANTIA Brotherhood, every three years. The annual meeting of the General Council convenes immediately following the Triennial on June 27. In addition to these meetings, a special gathering of the delegates will be held on Thursday, June 24, the day before the Triennial is scheduled to begin. The purpose of this meeting is to give time for the delegates to get oriented to the program and to get to know one another.

The next General Conference of URANTIA Brotherhood is scheduled for the summer of 1984 in the Chicago area. A site for this conference has not yet been selected.

JOURNAL OFFERS SPECIAL CONFERENCE ISSUE

As its Summer-Fall 1981 edition, the *URANTIAN Journal of URANTIA Brotherhood* has published a 40-page Special Conference Issue. Included are the texts of 11 talks given at the 1981 General Conference in Snowmass, Colorado. They are intended to represent the spirit of the conference theme of "The Individual's Relationship with The Universal Father."

The *Journal* editors have had extra copies printed in anticipation of a wide demand for this issue beyond the *Journal's* regular subscribers. These copies are available for \$4.00 each, \$5.00 in U.S. funds outside the United States. Orders can be sent with your check or money order payable to URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614.

CONFERENCES

North Idaho URANTIA Book Readers Gathering—June 12-13, 1982. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Contact: Coeur d'Alene URANTIA Book Readers Gathering c/o 1510 North 2nd St., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814.

Oklahoma Regional Conference—July 30-August 1, 1982.

Arrowhead Lodge, Lake Eufala, Oklahoma.

Theme: The Family—From Here to Eternity.

Contact: Mrs. Eva Van Sant, 142 S. E. Rockwood, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003 (918) 333-7675

"CONFERENCE COMPANIONS" SUCCEED AT NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

It can be lonely in a crowd, especially a new crowd. Last fall at the New England Regional Conference, everyone attending for the first time was made to feel more comfortable by having assigned to him or her a "conference companion."

Experienced members indicated their willingness to be conference companions, and arrangements were made in advance when early registration permitted. People were matched who lived near each other. This gave new participants someone to introduce them, answer their questions, and make them feel welcome.

The reaction was positive and there are plans to have companions again at the spring regional conference, April 24, Fishkill, New York.



The Lake Forest College Campus, Illinois, site of the 1982 Summer Workshops of URANTIA Brotherhood.

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