

# RECORDS OF OKLAHOMA SOCIETY

In April, 1956, when B. M. Salyer, Jr. found the URANTIA Book in Chicago, brought it home and read <sup>it</sup> ~~it~~ immediately, he was minister of The Church of Religious Science, meeting at the Y.W.C.A. in Oklahoma City, each Sunday. His enthusiasm for the book was contagious, and the Church ordered several books from the URANTIA Society in Chicago, W. E. Grisso, Jr. obtaining the first. Soon the various interested parties obtained books and started reading. On September 9, 1956, Vesper Services were held at 6:30 P.M. in the Y.W.C.A. to discuss the URANTIA Papers, and this was the first meeting of the group to study the Book. Paper 86, "Early Evolution of Religion" was discussed, and it was decided at this meeting to start a new church based on the teachings of the Urantia Papers.

The second meeting of the group of URANTIA readers was held September 12, 1956, at the Y.W.C.A. Weekly Sunday meetings were held until Christmas holidays at ~~the Y.W.C.A.~~ then resumed on January 9, 1957. This Sunday morning class was continued until May 12th, with Edward E. Jones as teacher. On January 23, 1957, a Wednesday evening class was started at the home of W. E. Grisso, Jr. A "beginners" class was started by J. B. Lawton on February 14th, at the Y.W.C.A. and continued for four Thursday evenings, then was held in his home on March 14, 1957.

A letter was sent to William S. Sadler, Jr. in Chicago on October 24, 1956, asking how to start a study group and become a Society. It was learned that at least ten people had to complete the book before application could be made for a charter.

January 21, 1957 the Robert Burtons, from the Chicago group, visited and a meeting was held at the Beacon Club. Attending were the Salyers, Bakers, Grissos, Bordners, Butlers, Lawtons, Goldia Young, Wilma McManus, Mabel Wilson, and Mrs. Archer and the Englishes.

William S. Sadler, Jr. met with the group for the first time at the Lakeview Club on March 9, 1957.

Application to be chartered as a Urantia Society of the Urantia Brotherhood, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. was mailed on April 17, 1957, with \$50.00 enclosed. The original 12 who had completed the Book, consisted of the following:  
B. M. Salyer, Jr., W. E. Grisso, Jr., L. Howard Thornberry, Edward Jones, Goldie B. Young, Wilma L. McManus, Helen T. Butler, Jo~~h~~ W. English, Fred J. Tosti, J. B. Lawton, Cleve Bordner, and Patsy Alexander.

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On Saturday, April 20, 1957, Bill Sadler met with the group the second time at Glen's, then at the Y.W.C.A. on Sunday, April 21st.

The New Age Christian Church, in conjunction with the Urantia Study Groups, had a picnic at Salyer's Barn, August 21, 1957 to celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Bedell visited the regular Wednesday night class on October 8, 1957, at Berkeley Elliott's home. October 30, 1957 Fred and Jim Leverenz visited the Wednesday night class, which meeting place was changed for this occasion to the Tropical Cafeteria, so all might enjoy their company during the dinner hour.

A lot of new thinking, advanced ideas and information on the "meat" of the URANTIA Book has been absorbed by the Oklahoma City groups, from the visits of the various members from the Chicago group, and their visits are extremely enjoyed and looked forward to with anticipation.

The Charter Committee from the Urantia Brotherhood in Chicago arrived in Oklahoma City on November 23, 1957 to install the Founders and Charter Members of the "First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma". The Chicago group included Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burton and Barney Burton, their son, Mr. & Mrs. William M. Hales. Also present were Mr. & Mrs. Fred Leverenz, formerly from Chicago now from Dallas, Texas. After dinner, the following were installed by Ruth Burton, assisted by Mary Lou Hales, both of the Charter Committee, as Founders: B. M. Salyer, Jr., W. E. Grisso, Jr., L. Howard Thornberry, Edward Jones, Goldia B. Young, Wilma L. McManus, Helen T. Butler, Joe W. English, Fred J. Tosti and J. B. Lawton. Charter members included the following: Mary Kathryn Grisso, Faye Brown, Sally Sewell, Berkeley Elliott, Clyde G. Goodman, Ardythe Shields, Charlene Butler, Mable Wilson, Covie English, W. V. Butler, Helen Canfield and Jennetta Tosti, *Edna E. Lee*

The Founders comprise the individuals who had read the URANTIA Book, and the Charter members were those who had been regularly attending the study group meetings, but had not finished the Papers, that were recommended by the Founders. They could be called Charter members because they were taken in on the same evening that the Founders were installed.



The URANTIA Society of Oklahoma was the first in Oklahoma, and the fourth chartered group of the URANTIA Brotherhood, on URANTIA. It is the only one of the first four that is a spontaneous group, not having sprung as a result of any member of the original Chicago group, and is second largest of the four.

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W. E. Grisso, Jr. was elected as our first President at the organization meeting on December 9, 1957. The Society had been established as a separate organization from the New Age Christian Church and when the church was later dissolved the Society continued to function.

As of January 1, 1958 Rector's Book Store, who stocked the URANTIA Book, had sold 135 copies. 110 URANTIA Books had been ordered direct from Chicago by Wilma McManus, and had been sold, making a total of 245 URANTIA books either given away or sold as a result of the efforts of the Oklahoma City group.

Bill Sadler made his fourth appearance with our Wednesday night group on March 5, 1958. Starting on May 3, 1958 he conducted 27 seminars during the next five years.

The first annual meeting was held December 8, 1958 at 5615 N. Linn, with 16 members and 8 visitors. Six new members ~~were~~ were taken in at that meeting. They were John Baccarini, Earl W. Baker, Lea Lawton, Emma Medlin, Hazel R. Nichol and Sally Roberts.

The Society had been meeting in the recreation hall of the New Age Christian Church at 5615 N. Linn since May 27, 1958. Since the church was being dissolved and the building was to be sold, our last meeting there was on January 14, 1959.

After meeting at a variety of places we finally settled on the Federated Women's Building at 707 N. E. 42 starting September 2, 1959. We continued meeting there until December 1966. We had received a donation from the Grisso's for the purpose of accumulating library books. We purchased a two drawer filing cabinet for our records and started a small library.

Leona Duncan was welcomed as a new member on December 14, 1959.

August 21, 1959 was celebrated in the home of Wilma McManus with 18 present. Highlights of the life of Jesus was discussed.

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July 23, 1960 we held an open meeting in the Crystal Room at the Skirvin. Each member made a concerted effort to bring guests. 39 attended. Bill Sadler was the speaker for the evening.

August 21 was celebrated in the home of Wilma McManus with 24 in attendance. Goldia Young was in charge of the program which included a resume starting with the Universal Father down to and including our Michael and his seventh bestowal.

Meredith and Irene Sprunger, from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, spent the weekend of September 10 with us. We had an all day meeting in the Executive Suite of the Skirvin Hotel and discussed Papers 110 and 196.

Bill Sadler met with us on October 15. Since his last visit he <sup>had</sup> done extensive work on his book "A Study of the Master Universe" and he shared much of the fruits of his work. The intent of this book (or books) is to unlock the deeper concepts of the URANTIA Book so they will be more comprehensible to the average layman.

Lucille Jones and Dr. John L. Duncum were welcomed as new members.

The Wednesday evening group finished going through the URANTIA Book for the first time July 26, 1961 -- taking approximately 4½ years.

The group elected to change their method of study, whereby instead of reading the Paper a moderator would volunteer for a Paper, assign sections which were to be told and discussed by the group.

Jesus birthday was celebrated in the home of Wilma McManus. August 21 and Wilma are becoming synonymous as we have celebrated this occasion in her home each year since we have been a Society. Two new members were taken in: George Ande and Charles L. Kistler.

Clyde Goodman was in charge of the program and gave a resume of history regarding the area of Jesus' birth place, then a story of Michael from the time of his creation to his bestowal on Urantia.

The annual meeting and the anniversary were combined and held on December 11, 1961 in the Executive Suite of the Skirvin.



August 21, 1962 was held in the Downtowner Hotel with 12 members, 4 guests and the following new members: Ruth Montgomery, Frankie Goodman, John Lawton, Wanda Rogers, Geneve Butler, James P. Butler, Albert G. Thomas, Perry Haskell Winn

September 15th Bill Sadler held the 27th seminar. This was Bill's last visit to Oklahoma.

Two new members were inducted at our annual meeting December 10, 1962: George Stump and Bud Kagan.

In 1963, in addition to the Wednesday night class, a Sunday evening class was started at Berkeley Elliott's home and later meeting at various homes on a per month basis. For the past several years this class has met in the home of Berkeley Elliott.

August 21, 1963 was celebrated at the Downtowner Motel. Program was on the life of Jesus -- Mortal Career, Son of Man, Son of God, Post-Mortal Career.

Six new members were welcomed: Juanita Cheney, Shirley Parris, Waldine Stump, Roddy Brown, Bill Brown and Veldon Morrow. On November 20 Mary L. Lawton was welcomed as a new member.

November 23 of this year we were saddened by the untimely death of Bill Sadler.

1964 was the occasion of the First Triennial Delegate Assembly in Chicago.

The Oklahoma Society was represented by Helen Butler and Berkeley Elliott.

<sup>From which were elected to the General Council</sup>  
At this meeting four councilors of the URANTIA Brotherhood were elected:

Berkeley Elliott, Clyde C. Goodman, Wilma McManus and Helen Butler.

In January 1965 Florine Sadler (Mrs. Wm. S. Sadler, Jr.) visited our group and a social was held in her honor on January 30 in the home of Berkeley Elliott.

A special meeting was held on October 29 for the purpose of taking in two new members -- Ervin and Juanita Shull. Jim and Eunice Mills of Neenah, Wisconsin were guests

August 21 was held at the Downtowner with 30 members and guests present. George Ande opened the program with a reading of "Acme of Religious Living", Helen Butler told of Jesus' morontia appearances and the program was concluded by Berkeley Elliott telling a little story by Bill Sadler on the "Meaning of Christmas" with regard to Jesus' birthday.

Our anniversary was celebrated at Berkeley's with three of our local "stars", Faye Brown, Marjorie Sawyer and Berkeley presenting a parody on Adam and Eve. Jonnie Bates entertained us between acts with the hula.

We had 29 guests during the year, 16 from out of town.

January 15, 1966 the first URANTIA funeral service in Oklahoma was conducted for our first President, W. E. "Bill Grisso, Jr. This service was performed by Clyde C. Goodman.

Jesus birthday was celebrated at the 89er Inn with 29 members and guests attending. Two new members: Babe Tolentino and Marjorie Sawyer were welcomed into the Society.

The anniversary party was held November 26. Entertainment for the evening was an original play on Andon and Fonta written by Berkeley Elliott and performed by Berkeley and Helen Butler. We had 27 guests for the year, sixteen from out of town.

During the year we had book marks made, with URANTIA quotations on them. A supply of these were placed by the register at Rector's Book Store in an effort to pique the interest of their customer's.

This year we moved our meeting place to Van's, Inc. at 9412 N. Robinson where we met for a four years.

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C-M elected as a member of the General Council  
(the U.S.)  
Field Representative*



The second Triennial Delegate Assembly was held August 4 & 5, 1967 in Chicago. Our Society was represented by Charlene Morrow and Frankie Goodman. *Charles Morrow*

In August we were honored by the visit of Jacques Weiss and his friends, Mr. & Mrs. Jacques Dupont and Miss Simone Leclere from Paris, France. Mr. Weiss translated the URANTIA Book into French.

Thanks to the efforts of George Ande, there were three newspaper articles on Jacques' visit and a television interview on a local daytime show. Many calls from this show and our unofficial record shows a great deal more books were being sold at Rector's.

~~Jan~~ Jesus' birthday was celebrated at the 89er Inn with 24 members and 29 guests. Mr. Weiss was the guest speaker. We welcomed six new members: Esta Alford, Walter Cheatham, Nan Cheatham, D. L. Cook, Laliah Cook, and Linda Cook.

Our Society was now 10 years old and our anniversary party was held at Berkeley's home. After a delicious dinner we were entertained by the Elliott traveling minstrels. Berk and Faye performed an original play by Miss Elliott about Melchizedek and Abraham. Between acts "Gram" sang and played the guitar. Margaret and Roy Sperry and Dianna were guests.

Six URANTIA Books were placed in libraries during the year: 2 at Oklahoma University at Norman, 2 at Central State University at Edmond and 2 in the Oklahoma City Public Library.



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Jesus birthday was celebrated at the Holiday Inn South, Aug. 21, 1968. Four new members were taken into the Society: E. E. Finefrock, Sr. and Thelma Finefrock, E. E. Finefrock, Jr. and Joyce Finefrock. The program was on the Vocations and Avocations of Jesus the Man.

The eleventh anniversary was celebrated on Nov. 30, 1968 at Berkeley's with 17 members and 15 guests. Margaret and Roy Sperry gave an interesting report on their recent trip to Hawaii and showed photographs of scenes visited and URANTIA students they met and visited with while on the Islands.

Our first Forum was held Jan. 25, 1969 at the Holiday Inn South with 43 in attendance. This was a "first" for the Society and was held in an attempt to bring together known Book owners in our area. Clyde C. Goodman conducted the meeting starting in the afternoon by discussing the five Epochal Revelations, and the evening session was on the mortal's ascent from this planet to the Local Universe headquarters. Charts had been prepared by John Lawton, which Clyde used, and a question and answer session was conducted after both talks. Ten copies of "A Study of the Master Universe" was purchased for our library. A special Easter program with 43 attending was held on March 30.

The Society purchased property at 45th & N. Shartel with the intention of building a meeting place in the future.

Our second Forum was held June 28 with 28 in attendance. Clyde Goodman conducted the afternoon session, talking about the origin and destiny of the soul. In the evening John Lawton (with an assist from Albert Thomas) showed charts and narrated on cosmology.

August 21st was celebrated at Holiday Inn, South with Vern Grimsley as the principal speaker. One new member, was received, Jean Ann Francis, ~~xxx~~ into the Society.

We ran an ad in the classified section of the newspaper asking for first printings. One copy was purchased.

Margaret and Roy Sperry paid us a farewell visit on in October on their way to Hawaii to live.

The twelfth anniversary was celebrated November 23 with a (sit-down) dinner at Berkeley's. The invocation was given by George Ande with the theme "We are Twelve going on Thirteen" set to background music of "Sixteen Going on Seventeen." Linda Cook gave a humorous reading. A parody on Adamson and Ratta was done by Berkeley and Faye. 50 members and guests were present.

Twelve to fifteen teen-age guests began to attend the Sunday class and during the year much interest was expressed in the Foreword by the younger students.

During the summer, five of the young students, who had been introduced to the URANTIA Book by their Judo instructor, K John Chaffin (also a Sunday evening student), gave an exhibition of Judo on Berkeley's back lawn. The five, Ben VanPelt, Jim Rollins, Gary Rouse, Jerry Walker and Gary Lindsey, were so well received and enjoyed that they repeated the performance for the Wednesday evening group and again for the Sunday evening class.

This was a most progressive and rewarding year for the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma. We sent the old year out and brought in 1970 with a party at the Cook's.



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The Interseminary Movement of the Southwest held a conference in Okla. City and eleven Seminary students visited our group on March 13, 1970 for an evening's discussion with Clyde C. Goodman in charge.

A Special Easter meeting was held in the home of Wilma McManus.

Our third Forum was held April 25, 1970 at the Downtown Holiday Inn with 45 attending. The program was "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow", by D. L. Cook, Emory Finefrock, Jr. and Clyde C. Goodman.

Jacques Weiss and Simone Leclere from Paris, France and Daniel and Denise St. Laurent from Montreal, Canada ~~during August 1970~~ visited us in August and on the 15th a social was held in their honor.

Jesus birthday was celebrated at the Holiday Inn South with Roger Hansen, Executive Director of Rocky Mountain Center on Environment, from Denver, Colorado as the speaker. Special awards for outstanding service were given to George Stump, Jr. and Ben VanPelt.

On Nov. 23, our Society was 13 yrs. ~~is~~ old. We celebrated Nov. 28 with a dinner meeting and program in Berkeley's home with 47 attending. Berkeley and Frankie Goodman put on ~~an original play about~~ a modern singing version of Amadon.

New Year's eve party in Bob and Jean Francis' home.

New members for the year were; Georgia Lau Stump, Michael McDaniel Ben VanPelt and Glenn Hill.

1971

The Wednesday night class started meeting at the Epworth Methodist Church on Tuesday nights.

Our Annual Forum was held April 24, 1971. Dr. John Lawton had made models from our solar system to and including Paradise-Havona (total of 8) color-coded in black light paint. Each model was described by the following individuals: Berkeley Elliott, solar system; John Lawton, System Headquarters; Helen Butler, Constellation; Waldine Stump, Local Universe; Laliah Cook, Minor Sector; D. L. Cook, Major Sector; Charlene Morrow, Superuniverse and Clyde Goodman, Paradise-Havona. 60 attended.

On May 22, 1971 the Society honored E. L. "Christy" Christensen with a buffet at Berkeley's. This was Christy's first visit to Oklahoma. ~~the setting was Berkeley Elliott's home. The furniture was moved out of the living room and posters, blacklights, and cushions were placed about. The youth's skit "Of Life" was performed under blacklight: 1st Act-Life Implantation; 2nd Act - Andon and Fonta; 3rd Act - Adam and Eve. Mike McDaniels and Dave Allen played guitars and led the singing. Wilman McManus was the highlight of the evening. Having the spirit of Urantia youth's outlook, and the joy of festivities, she was "Hep".~~ the setting was Berkeley Elliott's home. The furniture was moved out of the living room and posters, blacklights, and cushions were placed about. The youth's skit "Of Life" was performed under blacklight: 1st Act-Life Implantation; 2nd Act - Andon and Fonta; 3rd Act - Adam and Eve. Mike McDaniels and Dave Allen played guitars and led the singing. Wilman McManus was the highlight of the evening. Having the spirit of Urantia youth's outlook, and the joy of festivities, she was "Hep".

Jesus birthday was held at Holiday Inn south with 70 in attendance. Laliah Cook was presented with a special award for her efforts in spreading the teachings of the Urantia Book. David L. <sup>Cook</sup> ~~Cook~~ was the speaker.

The Fourteenth anniversary dinner of the Society was held at the Epworth Methodist Church, 1901 No. Douglas with our youth presenting an excellent performance of Jesus Christ Superstar. Sixty-Two attended the dinner and approximately 20 friends of the performers came after dinner for the program.

New Years Eve was celebrated at the Goodman's

New members welcomed in 1971 were: Connie Leech, Susie Allton, Barbara Stump, Jim Orebaugh, Erma McCulley and Robin Allton.



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Annual meet.

March 3, Clyde and Frankie Goodman, Shirley and David Allen, John Lange, Lynn Frame, Andy Hall, John Holliman and Berkeley met with the Tulsa group with a total of 30 in attendance. John made a presentation of the URANTIA Book and Lynn took care of questions and answers.

March 27 Bob and Ruth Burton from Three Rivers, Michigan visited our group, also Buddy and Jane Nichols from Wichita Falls, Texas.

April 21 eight students of the Urantia Book from Tulsa joined 23 from Oklahoma City for dinner at Berkeley's/ They listened to and discussed a Bill Sadler tape. After the discussion David Allen played guitar and Leroy Goodman played the piano.

During May and June Jerry & Terry Bede from Wichita, Kansas, Susan Holbert from Lawrence, Kansas, David and Stephan Jones, Lawrence Kansas, Janice Lange from Wenatchee, Washington visited Berkeley and stayed for class.

June 26 John Lange, Andy Hall & Berkeley visited the Meredith Landrum-Larry Geis URANTIA Study group in San Francisco.

June 29-30 July 1 John Lange, Andy Hall, Berkeley attended First Western URANTIA Conference in Los Angeles. Brett and Inga Basnett from Lawton also attended.

July 25 Clyde Goodman conducted a memorial service for Edward E. Jones whose death was July 22.

July 18 Laliah Cook and Berkeley attended a meeting in Norman to a group Laliah had introduced the URANTIA Book. These weekly meetings have resulted in several attending the Sunday evening class and several attended the URANTIA class at Laliah's. Laliah started holding regular session each Monday evening on Oct. 1 1973.

July 29-30 Jimmie Anderson and Ronald Dobyanski from Houston, Texas visited and stayed for the Sunday evening class.

The Third Triennial Delegate Assembly was held in Chicago August 3 and 4. Berkeley represented our Society as Delegate and John Lange as Alternate.

August 19-21 Barbara Newson and David Jones from Kansas City and Lawrence, Kansas and Jerry Bede & Bob Carroll from Wichita, Kansas visited and attended Jesus Birthday dinner, ~~berkeley's home~~ (insert)  
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August 28, 1973, a long time URANTIAN left for the mansion worlds and Clyde Goodman did a beautiful memorial service.

September 8 Lynn and Katherine Frame, Andy Hall, John Lange and Berkeley met in Gene Joyce's home, <sup>at Richardson, Texas</sup> with a group of potential young Urantians.

October 5 Berkeley met with Patti & Mike McDaniels, Star Schaeffer and Jim and Nancy Oakley in Tulsa and studied the "Foreword."

October 18 Jean and Bill Whiteman, Lynn and Katherine Frame, Andy Hall and Berkeley visited in Bill and Kay Cooper's home in Arlington, Texas, together with Gene Joyce Jean George and Linda Dodson. Most of the evening was spent defending the URANTIA Foundation regarding the "notice" which is appearing in fourth printing books.

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John Seres from Chicago attended class October 21, 1973.

Berkeley met with Patti and Mike McDaniels. Jim and Nancy Oakley and Jim Bird in Tulsa.

On December 28 Jerry Bede and Larry Geis visited the Sunday night class. This was a special meeting for new people. There were 17 in attendance.

Two URANTIA books were donated to Oklahoma University.

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~~held at Epworth Methodist Church with Lynn Frame as the speaker. New members for the year were Richard Brittain, Ruth Brittain, Patricia Neal McDaniels, Joe Boehrer and Joan Boehrer.~~



1974

The Annual Meeting was held January 21, 1974 with 22 members attending.

We now have six study classes - Sunday evening for children, Sunday night at Berkeley's, Tuesday night at Van & Helen Butler's, Monday night at Laliah & D. L. Cook's, Wednesday afternoon and Tulsa.

January 5. Alice Schol from Denton, Texas attended the Sunday night class.  
February 16, Tom Allen visited from Stillwater.

The Summer Session ~~at~~<sup>at</sup> Kendall College was attended by Clyde & Frankie Goodman, Berkeley Elliott, Jean Whiteman, Charlene Morrow and Helen Butler from Okla. City and Tom Allen and Don Tyler from Stillwater.

A picnic was held August 17 honoring the graduation of our four young doctors, Lynn Frame, John Lange, Andy Hall and John Holliman. We fished, swam, played games and ate. A good time was had by all of the 34 guests and 32 members. This event was held at the home of Rosemary Lawrence's mother.

The first URANTIA class in Norman was held March 6, in the home of Ted and Joanna Campbell.

Paul Snider, President of URANTIA Brotherhood, visited us on March 16, 1974.

Plans began for the International Forum to be held in 1976 and hosted by the Oklahoma Society. This was the year of many meetings and discussions on the Confirmatory Agreement.

Clyde Good conducted a memorial service June 25 for our long time member J. B. Lawton.

E. W. Baker died August 26, 1974.

Berkeley gave a resume ~~xxxxxxx~~ on the teachings of the URANTIA BOOK to approx. 20 Oklahoma City University students on Dec. 3.

2/16 Berkeley flew to Richardson, Texas and met with 36 actual and potential URANTIA students. Allen and Sue Brazil, Jimmy Anderson and Ron Dobyanski drove up from Houston.

Mar. 1, Berkeley visited the Tulsa group.

Apr. 13 Jerry and Terry Bede from Wichita spent weekend and stayed for class.

April 23 Berkeley attended class in Tulsa

May 10-12 Berkeley spent the weeken with groups from Olathe, Lawrence and the Kansas City area. Peter and Francis Sarfaty from DesMoines were also present.

July 14 Doris George from the Urantian School of Research in Los Angeles visited the Sunday class.

Aug. 25 <sup>of 2003</sup> Peter Sarfaty from Des Moines visited the Sunday class.

8.18 Ruth Flanders arrived from Los Angeles to spend 17 weeks in Air Traffic Control School and attended many of our classes while she was here.

Sept. 20 Bekky Randall and Berkeley visited the Tulsa class at Jim Bird's home.

Oct. 11 Clyde and Frankie Goodman, John Lange and Berkeley visited in Gene  
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June 10, 1972 our annual Forum was held at Holiday Inn-South. Miss E. L. "Christy" Christensen of Chicago, Ill, who holds a very special place in all our hearts, was in attendance. The First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma awarded her a plaque naming her the "First Lady of Urantia."

The Forum was on the Book's portrayal of the Seven Mansion Worlds. Each speaker talked of the position we would have on each of these worlds as evolutionary will-creatures, what takes place on these planets, the tentative architecture of these worlds, and of new beings we would meet there. Clyde Goodman summarized all of this in his talk about Jerusem citizenship. 121 guests and members attended.

Jesus birthday was celebrated August 21, 1972 at Holiday Inn-South with 70 attending. The following new members were welcomed: David Allen, Shirley Allen, Lynn Frame, Michael T. Gravitt, Andy Hall, John Holliman, John Lange, and Diane Stump. Dr. Tom Boyd, Professor of Philosophy and Director of Religious activities at the University of Oklahoma was the guest speaker.

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Sarah Robbins, Rebecca Randall, Rachel Lawrence, Max Lawrence, Linda Hartson, David Hartson, Rosemary Lawrence, Betty Dirham, JoAnna Campbell, Ted Campbell, Tom Allen, Michael T. Haxel, Diane Haxel, Blanche Farha and Bill Whiteman.

On January 11, 1975 Paul Snider, President of Urantia Brotherhood and his wife Mary, Tom Kendall, President of Urantia Foundation, and his wife Caroline came from Chicago. Thirty-five attended a meeting at the Holiday Inn-South to hear Paul and Tom discuss the Confirmatory Agreement with our Society.

The Tulsa group who had been meeting periodically now is meeting regularly on Thursday evening. ~~On~~

August 21, 1975 was celebrated at the Holiday Inn-South. The children presented a skit on "The Mount of Transfiguration". The speaker was David Jones from Lawrence, Ks. New members were: Bill Allen, Linda Allen, ~~Bill~~, Kelsie Harris and Jim Bird.

Two URANTIA Books were donated: 1 to Oklahoma State University and one to the Church of Religious Science.

Plans progressed on the International Forum to be held June 25-26-27, 1976.

We were pleased to be able to purchase copies of the "Appendices to a Study of the Master Universe."

Our Christmas party was held in the home of Max & Rosemary Lawrence.

*1-19-76 Anna Marie Pop Haxel*

May 14 and 15, 1976 we were privileged to have the President of URANTIA Foundation - Tom Kendall; two additional Trustees - Martin Myers and Bill Hales; Secretary-General of the Brotherhood, Marian Rowley; accompanied by two attorneys C. Lyman Emrich, Jr. and Lloyd C. Root, pay us a visit regarding our up-coming Forum. Tom Allen, Helen Butler, Clyde Goodman, Richard Brittain, Max Lawrence met them at the Airport Sheraton Inn Friday evening and Saturday morning into mid-afternoon. The Confirmatory Agreement was also mentioned and discussed briefly.

June 25-30, 1976 The URANTIA International Forum, sponsored by the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma - social, music, lectures, fun and three days of work shops, was a successful highlight for our Society and a transforming, beautiful experience for many. The efforts of many were enjoyed by all! We had

1975

Jan. 5 Clyde Goodman conducted a memorial service for Mabel Wilson (died j/1/75).  
~~We also lost another member, E. W. Baker, Aug. 26, 1974.~~

Feb. 17 Vern Grimsley attended our Tues, Wed. and Sun evening classes.

Jan. 19 Jim Jarnagin attended classes for one week in Norman and attended our study classes. Adrienne joined him over the weekend.

Jan. 31 Rebecca Randall, Rachael Lawrence, x Tom Allen and Berkeley attended a URANTIA class in Stillwater at Bill and Linda Allen's home. A total of 12 were present.

Apr. 26 Twenty-nine from Okla. City area attended a URANTIA meeting in Arlington, Texas sponsored by Bill and Kay Cooper and Gene Joyce. John Lange gave a talk. Tom Allen played his guitar and sang; and Betty Dirham showed her charts.

July 4 Connie and Rich Holmberg and their twin girls from Auxvasse, Missouri visited and got acquainted in person with the Sunday evening class. They knew the group, in the main, only by tapes.

The last week in July Tom Allen and Berkeley attended three days of work shops in Chicago. The purpose of these were to try to determine if, when, how, where and what kind of Brotherhood School should be considered. Nothing was decided. Monday evening June 28 was spent discussing this with everyone present by the Education Committee of the Brotherhood.

Clyde Goodman and Brankie Goodman, Helen Butler, Charlene and Julie Morrow, Jean Whiteman, Rachel Lawrence, Rebecca Randall, Kelsie Harris, Tom Allen and Berkeley attended the two day URANTIA Conference ~~inx~~ at Kendall College, Aug 1 and 2nd.

Nov. 29 Clyde Goodman conducted a URANTIA memorial service for Jim and Nancy Oakley's infant son, Mason, in Tulsa.

Two of our members, Hazel Nichol and Esta Alford Weston, left us for the Mansion Worlds.

Dec. 6, Tom Allen, Debbie Foster and Berkeley attended a URANTIA social in Arlington, Texas at Gene Joyce's home. Approx. 35 URANTIANS and prospective Urantians were present.

Dec. 9 and 10 Vern Grimsley again attended our Tues and Wed even. classes.

Ruth Flanders and Don Alexander, from Los Angeles; Janice Lange, from Wenatchee, Washington; Peter Sarfaty from Des Moines, Iowa, Kermit Janssen, Don and Pat Heineridson from Olathe, Kansas, Stephen and David Jones from Lawrence, Kansas Jean George from Dallas, Gene Joyce from Richardson, Texas, Errol and Rochelle Strider and Larry Geis from San Francisco and Carl Brown from Kernersville, N.C. are a few of our out-of-state visitors.



1976

March 6 Our dear friend, George Ande, left us for the Mansion Worlds and on March 9 Clyde Goodman conducted a URANTIA memorial service for George.

May 1 Clyde and Frankie Goodman, Tom Allen and Berkeley visited the Dallas Area URANTIA Study Group. There were approximately 30 people there and since they had made application to be chartered as a URANTIA Society, the main topic of conversation for the evening consisted of questions and answers regarding the advantages and disadvantages of becoming an official Society.

May 8 Clyde Goodman, Tom Allen and Berkeley met Chuck VanSant from Bartlesville in Lynette Frame's home in Tulsa and discussed the Book.

June 20-23 the Fourth Triennial Delegate Assembly in Chicago was attended by Van and Helen Butler, Clyde Goodman and Berkeley. Berkeley represented us as Delegate and Clyde as Alternate.

Sept. 10 Berkeley flew to Houston and spent the weekend with Jim and Adrianné Jarnagin. On Sat. evening a get-acquainted URANTIA meeting was held with Dan and Nina Pope and the group there. ~~We~~ Plans were discussed for the Southwest Regional Forum to be held in July 1977.

Oct. 8 Van & Helen Butler, Charlene Morrow, Tom Allen, Clyde and Frankie Goodman and Berkeley met at Bill and Kaye Cooper's home in Arlington, Texas. Sue and Allen Brazell from Houston, along with 20 from the Dallas area also came for good and good discussions. Additional planning for the Southwest Regional Forum was done.

Nv. 4-8 Tom Allen and Berkeley spent the weekend in New Orleans with the small study group there, including Jack and Pat Allen and John Lincoln.

Nov. 18 Meredith Sprunger, Pres. of UB and John Hales, Sec-Gen, visited our group regarding the Confirmatory Agreement and the fact that the Executive Committee meeting on Nov. 6 the chartering of the Dallas group had been turned down until all existing Soc. worked out their differences with the Foundation, regarding the Confirmatory Agreement. No new Soc. are to be chartered, so we are advised, until these differences are worked out.

Several of the O.C. group visit with Tulsa every 5-6 weeks, which meets every Thursday in Kay's King's home. Those who have attended include David and Shirley Allen, Steve Wilsey, Clyde Goodman, Tom Allen and Berkeley.

Out of state visitors for the year include: Don Alexander, Los Angeles, Calif. Debbie Foster, Talkeetan, Alaska; Gail Carroll and Patti Hayes, Anchorage, Alaska; Bob and Pat Sheets, Grand Island, Nebraska; Chuck Thurston and Larry Geis, San Francisco, Calif; Bob Kirtley, Chicago; ~~Jim~~ Ruben Davis, Cataumet, Mass; Mary Emma Draper, Austin, Texas; Bill and Kay Cooper and Dorian Anderson, Arlington, Tex; Gene Joyce, Richardson, Texas, Amy George, Dallas, Texas; Barbara Newsom, Mike Young and Bob & Gail Carroll, Wichita, Kansas; Carl Brown, Charlotte, N.C.; Clyde and Florence Bedell, Santa Barbara, Calif; David and Marta Elders, Darien, Conn; Helena Sprague, Farmington, Conn, and Steve and Barbara Dreier, Teaneck, N.J.



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approximately 350 adults and 75 children.

Sept. 4, 1976 Bill Cooper, Arlington, Texas and Barbara Newsom, Wichita, Kansas, presented the Work Shop they did at Fountainhead Lodge in June on the Dispersion of the Colored Races.

September 5, 1976 Clyde and Florence Bedell visited us and Clyde spent all Sunday afternoon (at Ramada Inn-South) and Sunday evening (at Berkeley's) enlightening us on the Harold Sherman book, answering questions, and even giving instructions on how to make the most of his Concordex. A very enjoyable and beneficial experience for all of us.

Plans are being formulated for a Southwest Regional Forum to be held at Fountainhead Lodge July 12-14, 1977, in connection Houston and Dallas. There will be three mornings of lectures and multi-media presentations, and three afternoons of work shops.

August 21 was celebrated at the Ramada Inn-South. David Elders was the speaker. New members were: Kathleen King, Steve Wilsey, Jo Harris, Julie Morrow, Brett Basnet, Inga Basnet and Ginger Bird.

Property at 801 N. W. 45 was sold during this year.

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1977

The Southwest Regional Forum was held at Fountainhead Lodge July 12-14, 1977 hosted by the Dallas Study Group and the Oklahoma and Houston Societies.

In addition to lectures, music and work shops the Oklahoma Society presented a multi-media - Jesus-God and Man. The narrative, written by Larry Mullins, was approved for publication in book form by the URANTIA Foundation and will be financed by the Oklahoma Society.

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August 21 was celebrated at the Sheraton Inn with a showing of the multi-media, Jesus-God and Man. Ten new members were received into the Society: Daniel Pope, Harry McMullan, Jim Oakley, Nancy Oakley, Jeralie Scanlon, Melody Allen, Jan Hazen, Bill Hazen, Charley Klanke, and Larry Mullins.

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Jesus birthday celebration August 21, was held at the Sheraton Inn with Harry McMullan as the speaker. Four new members were welcomed into the society: Fred Farha, Johnnie Owens, Ginny Allen Lytle and Vicky Morrow.

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A presentation of "Personality", a multi-media originally prepared for Berkeley's work shop at <sup>the</sup> Lake Geneva conference was shown.

2-12-78 A Licensing Agreement, issued by the URANTIA Foundation in lieu of the Confirmatory Agreement, was signed May 17, 1978.

2-12-78 / At our Annual meeting in zJanuary 1978 the Society elected to place 100 URANTIA Books in libraries

On August 19 Bob Slagle, Clinical Psychologist from Sebastopol, California, conducted a Work Shop which we called "Close Encounter of the Seventh King with 18 in attendance. It was a great experience.

Sept. 23, 1978 sixteen of the Oklahoma group, accompanied by John Hales, drove to Eureka Springs to meet with the Arkansas-Missouri URANTIA students.

On March 31, 1979 Dan Massey from Cambridge, Mass, a consulting scientist in Management Science, held a work shop on ~~Science and its application to the~~ <sup>How the Latest Scientific Discoveries Relate</sup> to the URANTIA Book with 42 in attendance.

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Jesus' birthday was celebrated at the Sheraton Inn with Larry Mullins in charge of the program. After the invocation by Kathleen King, Linda Bynum and Colleen Mullins talked on "What The URANTIA Book Means to a New Member." New members for the year were: Linda Bynum, Colleen Mullins, Connie Crow and Leroy Bridges. Bill Allen ~~was~~ accompanied by Tom Allen at the piano sang "Birthday to a King."

Regional forum was held at Fountainhead Lodge September 7, 8 and 9. The theme was "Truth, Beauty and Goodness." A multi-media, "Pebbles of Truth In The Ocean of Mankind" was presented in addition to the work shops and a talk by Nancy Grimsley on "LOVE".

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Berkeley and Tom Allen represented our Society at the Triennial meeting in Chicago. Harry McMullan was elected to the General Council of the URANTIA Brotherhood.

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On August 25 Francyl and Marvin Gawryn conducted a work shop on Music for The Spiritual Renaissance and The Psychology of Spiritual Living.

Berkeley and Tom presented the multi-media "Pebbles of Truth in the Ocean of Mankind" at the Regional Conference of the First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles the weekend of October 5, 6, and 7th.



As of this date Jesus-God and Man has been shown, in addition to the 1977  
Forum and our Jesus Birthday celebration to:groups at:

Tampa Florida, Anchorage, Alaska, Honolulu, Hawaii, Arlington, Texas,  
Austin, Texas, <sup>Councils Inc.</sup> Vancouver, British Columbia, Albuquerque, N. Mexico,  
Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Perryman, Texas, Kansas City, Missouri,  
CHICAGO, Ill. & a 2<sup>nd</sup> one 5<sup>th</sup> 1977 ~~Chicago~~ <sup>De Debra</sup>

Pebbles of Truth in the Ocean of Mankind Los Angeles, Calif.  
of Forum

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Hi, Michael;

I'm trying to collect some data for a readership history timeline. Can you possibly provide the following information?

Date of Berkeley Elliott's death

Date of the opening of the Urantia Church in Oklahoma City which preceeded the formation of the Society. Also the name of the minister.

Date of the first study group meeting in Oklahoma City.

Thank you very much....

David



First meeting of study group Sept 9 - 1956

New Age Christian Church  
B. M. Salzer Jr. Minister

Berkeley died Jan 3 1995

4/4/97

Michael - This ~~is~~  
is the information  
for you to reply  
to David  
Kantor