

NEWSLETTER

First Urantia Society of Los Angeles

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Communication

One of the purposes for monthly meetings of the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles (FUSLA) is to encourage the flow of communication and fraternization of the many local study groups which meet in individual homes. The first thirty minutes of our monthly meeting is regularly reserved for important announcements from Urantia headquarters in Chicago - notes from the Foundation and Brotherhood, as well as news of Urantian activities from other areas of the world. These are given by the secretary, Julia Fenderson.

This Newsletter will serve for February to present reports usually provided at the monthly meeting which has been cancelled for February in deference to Ruth Burton's special classes on the "Discourses of Jesus" sponsored by FUSLA.

Bob Steen, President of FUSLA.

From Jacques Weiss in Paris

The new and beautiful Artists's Conception of the Universe according to the Urantia Book has been completed by Jacques Weiss. There are four exquisite, colored paintings, each accompanied by an inspired descriptive text. They are a very effective way to introduce the Urantia Book to new readers. Price \$1.00 for each set, including taxes and mailing. Mr. Weiss has asked that we coordinate on orders, therefore you can order through Julia Fenderson, Secretary, who will send one composite order. She has had one of the paintings enlarged by Kodak for a wall hanging.

FUSLA SPONSORS CLASS

Bob and Ruth Burton are nicely settled out here for the winter at 3734 Bagley Ave., Apt. 3, L.A. 90034 (west L.A. - just north of Culver City.) Ruth is teaching a class on Selected Discourses of Jesus; all interested Urantia Book students are welcome. The lessons are from 2-4 p.m. on the following Sundays: Feb. 7, 14, 28 and March 7, 21. The lessons conducted at the Burton's have been especially well-received and have been attended by approximately 24 students representing all of the outlying study groups.

CLYDE BEDELL'S CONCORDEX

Clyde Bedell's Concordex is now off the press and ready for distribution! The price is \$8.50 plus 25¢ postage. This has been a four-year labor of love by Clyde and it is planned for service, not profit. The book, more than half as thick as the Urantia Book, contains 350 pages and is case bound in an enduring cover. There are over 50,000 page references which will prove an invaluable aid to the student of the Urantia Book. Our congratulations go to Clyde Bedell for this wonderful service. If you wish to purchase a copy send a check for \$8.75 to the Urantia Foundation at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60014.

HONORS TO A GRAND PERSON

Fred Squires, Sr., our first president and now President Emeritus of FUSLA, will be honored Sunday, February 21, from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Squires, Jr., 329 Eucalyptus Drive, El Segundo, Calif. 90245, in celebration of his 90th birthday. All Urantians are invited to come to his son's home to pay their respects to a fine man who has done more than any other to build and organize our society. He has dedicated himself to the Urantian movement for some 48 years!

THE FAMILY OF GOD FOUNDATION

The Family of God Foundation in Berkeley under Vern and Nancy Grimsley has recently added the sixth member Harry McMullan to their permanent working staff. Their broadcast is growing all the time and they receive countless letters and communications from their many listeners. They hope to cover the nation with their radio broadcast by 1975. Rich Keeler a stock broker has offered to donate his commission to their Foundation for every share of stock purchased through him. He may be reached at Hayden, Stone, Inc. Commodity Dept. 7th Floor, 80 Pine, New York, New York 10005. Tel. 212-363-3760 collect for purchases of stock. Vern's 3 minute message is broadcast for this area on KTYM between 6:15-6:30 a.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

POLLY PARKE IN ACCIDENT

Polly Parke is on the long road to recovery from a tobogganing accident which happened during Christmas vacation. A very painful injury to the coccyx (at the base of the vertebral column) was incurred. Our best wishes go to our fine education chairman, for a speedy recovery.

PLEA FOR FINANCIAL HELP

The Urantia Brotherhood Corporation has recently mailed out an appeal for financial assistance in the form of a pledge for 1971. This is a request for your help in meeting operating costs.

URANTIA BOOKS PLACED BY FUSLA

Dick Ziglar is heading a committee originated by Bruce Davison (now of Mexico) to place books in every major library and bookstore of the L.A. area. He is assigning members to each nearby library and bookstore to follow up and see that the books are in active service. FUSLA has been underwriting these costs as one of our major projects and will take further action on this enterprise at the Feb. 7 meeting of the Governing Board. The treasurer must know immediately where each book is placed as she is keeping a careful accounting of expenditures. Money is needed for this very worthwhile project so please send your dues and donations to Helen Steen, 763 E. California Blvd., Pasadena, Calif. 91106. See attached page concerning placement of books.

IONE BUIE has photo-copies of a letter from the Los Angeles Public Library (Panorama City Branch) thanking her and acknowledging that the Urantia Book has been entered into the L.A. Public Library system and that her gift copy is at the Panorama City Branch. If you are interested in presenting a gift copy of the U.B. to any of the L.A.P.L. branches, this letter would be a helpful introduction for you. Mrs. Buie's address: 9147 Hazeltine Ave., Panorama City, Calif. 91402.

TOTAL DISSEMINATION OF BOOKS

Dissemination of the Urantia Book is growing very rapidly. During 1969, 2822 books were sold; during 1970, 4444 books were sold. More than 19,000 books are now abroad in the world which represents the first two printings. The third edition will be ready late in February or early March.

NEWS FROM THE DAVISONS

We hear good news from the Davisons in Mexico; Amparo, Marlene, Mabel and Bruce. They are studying the book and enjoying their new home. We miss seeing them at our monthly meetings and they would appreciate hearing from us at: Missouri Oriente 461 (Altos) Garza Garcia, N.L. Mexico. Please write and send copies of materials from study sessions.

NEW MEMBER OF FOUNDATION

James C. Mills of Neenah, Wisconsin has been made an official representative of the Urantia Foundation in Chicago. He will carry on his assignments from Neenah until retirement, then he will move to Chicago or environs to be in close touch with all Foundation activities. Congratulations to Jim!

NEW SOCIETY IN HOUSTON TEXAS

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Several officers from Chicago attended and served at the installation of the First Urantia Society of Houston, Texas on January 31, 1971. This Society has eleven Founders and many charter members. Mary Lou and Bill Hales with Miss Emma Christensen officiated and others in attendance were Martin Myers; Miss Berkely Elliott, Field Representative from Oklahoma City and Mrs. Mary Gale and Mr. Hawthorne Pettie of New Orleans. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Early Spiars of Houston are moving personalities in the Houston Society. Our Society wired a congratulatory message for the happy event.

URANTIA BOOKS PLACED

Urantia Books have been placed in the major libraries and bookstores of L.A. County. In the last few months the books have been donated to:

1. Panorama City Library
2. John C Fremont Library
3. Los Angeles Memorial Library
4. Pepperdine College Library
5. Barstow Junior College Library
6. West Los Angeles College Library in Culver City
7. Los Angeles City College Library

There are many smaller college libraries as well as book stores which need to have your help in the placement of books as well as the necessary follow-up to be sure they are on the shelves.