Within the past four months the L. O. C. Lamar Society has enjoyed a period of dynamic growth in terms of its program and its membership. We shall attempt to bring you up-to-date on the activities of the past few months and summarize some of the plans for the coming year.

We were all saddened by the death of Mr. James McBride Dabbs in Mayesville, South Carolina in early June. Mr. Dabbs was a founding member of the Lamar Society.

"He was probably the only man in the United States who kept two Confederate muskets over his mantelpiece and under them a citation from the Detroit chapter of the NAACP. In his ability to combine such apparent contraries lay his uniqueness. Now that he is dead at the age of 74, we who still live in the South will remember him as a man who taught us with integrity to be at once Southern and American and human." --Donald W. Shriver, Jr.

Services to Members. Mrs. Martin and the Lamar Society staff can now provide the following services to the membership: (1) speech writing, (2) research reports, (3) secretarial support for state and local chapters, and (4) information on people who have expertise in dealing with specific problem situations in the South.

State and Local Chapters. The Board of Directors of the Lamar Society met in Jackson, Mississippi on September 18 and voted to establish a number of state and local chapters of the Lamar Society throughout the South. It was felt that several benefits might be derived from such a strategy: (1) members will be given an opportunity to focus on specific problems in their state or city. (2) The Lamar Society will obtain more complete information on state and local problem situations and have greater access to those people who are actually in a position to affect the solutions to these problems. (3) Workshops, seminars, and action groups dealing with local problems can best be organized by people who are close to these problems rather than by a highly centralized organization which may have only limited information about the local situation. (4) State and local chapters may serve as a stimulus to attract new members to the Society and thus enable it to broaden its base of operations throughout the entire South.

The first charter of the Lamar Society will soon be organized in Jackson, Mississippi by Bob Killelea. This development follows a "get-acquainted" meeting held in Jackson on September 18 which was attended